

## Coffman Statement on U.S. Military Leadership Changes in Afghanistan

**(WASHINGTON)** - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) issued the following statement today regarding the resignation of General Stanley McChrystal:

“General McChrystal exercised extremely poor judgment in his interview with *Rolling Stone*. General McChrystal’s key strength turned out to also be his weakness - he lacked the political skills common among his peers. In my meetings with the General in Afghanistan and during his trips to testify before Congress he was always blunt and direct in his assessment of the ongoing challenges in Afghanistan.”

“Congress cannot execute its oversight responsibility and accurately assess whether the current strategy in Afghanistan is working if we do not receive straightforward and candid assessments. My experience with General David Petraeus as a member of the House Armed Services Committee leaves me with a lack of confidence that he will deliver the same level of candor General McChrystal exhibited.”

“We are at a very dangerous crossroads in executing the current strategy in Afghanistan. The

United States cannot afford for Congress to receive assessments from General Petraeus that are solely intended to sell a policy. History is replete with situations where that has happened with damaging consequences.”

Click [here](#) to see Rep. Coffman questioning General Petraeus on the current situation in Afghanistan on June 16, 2010 during a House Armed Services Committee hearing.

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