

Coffman Statement on President Obama's Speech on Afghanistan

(WASHINGTON) - Congressman Mike Coffman (R-CO), a Marine Corps combat veteran and member of the United States House Armed Services Committee, released the following statement today regarding President Obama's announcement on Afghanistan:

"I think the President's plan for shifting operational control to Afghan Security Forces by 2014 is a reasonable goal but publicly announcing a fixed schedule for withdrawing our forces, regardless of conditions on the ground, will only embolden the Taliban to wait us out," said Coffman. "The strategy of deploying a smaller force will probably mean a shift from a counterinsurgency strategy to a counterterrorism one which should still enable our forces to accomplish our security objectives in Afghanistan."

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