

(LONE TREE, CO) - U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement on recent news reports regarding the tragic killing of Afghan women and children by a U.S. Army soldier:

"This tragic incident has the potential to derail our negotiations with Afghanistan on a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) if it causes their government to demand that U.S. military personnel be subject to their jurisdiction. Our policy has been and always will be that U.S. military personnel can be only be tried under our Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)."