

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Tom Rooney (R-Fla.) released the following statement regarding the Pentagon report examining the Ft. Hood shooting:

“The findings issued today on the November shooting at Ft. Hood clearly show that several important steps need to be taken to help prevent a future attack on our troops domestically. I am encouraged that Secretary Gates has instructed further in-depth reviews of military departments so the military can do a better job of identifying threats and sharing information. It’s clear that the cooperation and intelligence sharing between government agencies has been unacceptable and officials need to be held accountable. The threat posed by Maj. Hasan should have been foreseen. Domestic threats to our forces will continue unless we take serious steps to identify and eliminate these threats. This requires all government agencies sharing intelligence and working together.

“This report has brought to light inadequacies in the military personnel system. Next Wednesday the House Armed Services Committee, of which I am a member, will hold a hearing on the report. I look forward to hearing from and questioning members of the independent review panel about their findings. We have a responsibility to ensure our troops and military families are safe from threats here at home.”