9/11 FAMILIES FOR A SECURE AMERICA NEWSLETTER July 21, 2007

9/11 Families for a Secure America would like to restate its opposition to S.4/HR1 now being pushed through the Congress by the Democratic leadership. This bill will open America's borders even wider for terrorists to enter the United States. It will make it easier for millions more people from many more countries to come here without first obtaining a visa.

Currently, citizens of 26 nations can enter the US without a visa. Richard Reid (the "Shoe Bomber" and Moussoaui (the "20th hijacker") were thus eligible to come to the US without first being interviewed by US consular officials.

The Democrats in Congress are even attempting to strip from the bill the provision which would protect whistleblowers like those who called police attention to the six imams on a Northwest Airlines flight last year.

In their campaign to pass this bill the Democrats are again exploiting September 11 for political purposes. Sadly, the same small group of 9/11 family members who supported an earlier "9/11 implementation bill" which merely reshuffled the intelligence bureaucracy while leaving our borders exposed, are again giving cover to these politicians. Again, these families are excusing their support of this bill by claiming that it 'has good provisions in it' to protect US security.

However, a bill that allows terrorists easier access to the US is not a good bill no matter what claims are made about it.

Below is our press release expressing our opposition to S4/HR1 which is misleadingly called the "Improving America's Security Act of 2007."

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In a bill they misleadingly call a "9/11 Implementation Bill" (S.4/H.R.1) Congressional Democrats are including a provision that will permit terrorists to enter the US even more easily than they can today.

They will accomplish this aid to terrorist legislation by expanding the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Under that Program citizens of 26 countries can visit the US without first obtaining a visa. The VWP allowed Shoe Bomber Richard Reid and 20th 9/11 Terrorist Zacharias Moussouai easy access to the USA.

In order to satisfy the travel industry's greed for more profits, House Speaker Pelosi and Sen. Majority Leader Reid have lined up the Democrats in support of an expansion of the Visa Waiver Program.

Sadly, they are again exploiting a small number of willing 9/11 family members in their campaign to increase American exposure to terrorism.

Bruce DeCell, Vice-Pres. of 9/11 Families for a Secure America said: "I can't understand how any 9/11 family member can stand with the Democrats to give them cover to pass a bill that will lead to more terrorist murder in our country."

He continued: "Yesterday, July 19, House Speaker Pelosi credited this small group of 9/11 family members with making possible the passage of S4/HR1. Which of these people will want to accept the responsibility when the next Moussouai murders Americans thanks to this bill."

DeCell concluded that: "America should recognize that S1/HR4 is the Terrorist Facilitation Act of 2007 and not be fooled by the Democratic Leadership's disgusting and dishonest exploitation of the 9/11 tragedy and 9/11 families.