

## 6/3/2007 - Congressman Sires' Statement On Foiled Attack To Destroy Kennedy Airport

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"The arrests of three men by federal authorities for allegedly planning to destroy John F. Kennedy International Airport, underscore the need for the Department of Homeland Security to assign anti-terrorism funding according to the degree of risk to each state. The men were planning to blow up the pipelines and storage tanks that supply fuel to the airport. The attack would have also destroyed the adjacent area of Queens, New York. The pipeline takes fuel from a facility in Linden, New Jersey, and runs through Staten Island and Brooklyn.

"Terrorists continue to target the New York metropolitan area. Two of the most dangerous miles in the nation - at risk for terrorist attacks - are located in the 13th District of New Jersey. I have a responsibility to keep the people in our district safe. I am also concerned for all New Jersey families. This is the second foiled terrorism attempt in our state in the last four weeks. Six people were arrested a month ago in an alleged plot to kill service members in Fort Dix.

"I applaud federal and international authorities for preventing what could have been one of the most devastating attacks on U.S. soil. I will do everything in my power to keep all New Jersey families safe from terrorism. I intend to continue to fight for increased Homeland Security funding for all of New Jersey."