Loebsack Statement on the President's Speech on the Situation in Syria

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Washington, D.C. Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today following the President's speech on the situation in Syria. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Loebsack has received a briefing from the White House regarding the ongoing situation.

"I have called on the President to seek congressional authorization but more importantly, before any action is taken, the administration must make the case to the American people and the American people must support it. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I was briefed by the White House and believe the Administration must lay out their strategic reasoning behind military action, define the national security reasoning for such action, and establish an end goal for potential use of force.

"The use of chemical weapons against civilians is morally reprehensible and should be unequivocally condemned by the international community. However, after more than a decade of war during which time our troops and military families have made great sacrifices on our behalf, we must exercise extreme caution in undertaking military action."

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