

MARK SCHAUER CONDEMNS BUSH'S AND WALBERG'S FEAR- MONGERING

Crazy wingnut Tim Walberg doesn't yet realize what even the White House has realized—the fear mongering isn't working any more. Here's the opened Walberg wrote condemning Democrats because they insist on protecting Americans' civil liberties and privacy.

House leadership will not support current FISA legislation because the bill would prevent trial lawyers from suing American telecommunications companies who cooperate with American intelligence agencies' monitoring of foreign terrorist communications.

Recent news reports revealed that almost 40 lawsuits are pending against the very telecommunications companies who helped our country in a time of crisis. Gathering intelligence to defend America's national security has never been and should never be a political issue.

It is shameful that some in Washington place the ability of trial lawyers to sue over national security. When American companies assist American intelligence agencies with monitoring foreign terrorist threats, they should be thanked, not sued.

We need the foreign intelligence surveillance law passed so America's intelligence community can monitor al-Qaida and other terrorist networks without getting permission to listen to foreign terrorists plotting on foreign lands.

I guess Tim Walberg doesn't even know that our intelligence community already has—and has always had—the ability "to monitor ... al Qaeda without getting permission to listen to foreign terrorists plotting on foreign lands." If he doesn't even know that most basic fact about FISA, then he surely doesn't know that the reason the telecoms want immunity is because they agreed to spy on Americans based solely on the legal authorization of the White House Counsel—the President's own lawyer!

Blue America is supporting Walberg's challenger, Mark Schauer. Here's what Mark has to say about FISA:

I'm Mark Schauer. Personally I'm tired of Tim Walberg and George W. Bush using fear about our national security to score cheap political points. Congress has passed legislation to ensure that tools are in place to protect our country's safety, but Walberg and Bush seem more interested in protecting big corporations that have helped them listen to our phone calls, read our emails, violate our privacy, then they are about protecting law-abiding citizens. I believe our Constitution, and our rights, including our right to privacy, are worth fighting for. If our government or big corporations break the rules, they should be held accountable.

Support the guy who supports the Constitution, not more fear-mongering.