WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) applauded the Obama Administration for the progress it has made to expand the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), highlighted in a report released by the White House.

"The increased efforts by President Obama to expand the Visa Waiver Program will strengthen our national security, provide valuable tourism revenue and demonstrate to important allies like Poland that we very much respect and appreciate their friendship," **said Rep. Quigley.** "This progress is extremely encouraging, and we must continue to work together to open the doors for major diplomatic partners once and for all. To that end, I greatly appreciate the President's continued support for my legislation, which would permanently reform and modernize the outdated VWP system."

PHOTO ***: Rep. Quigley (second from the left) discuss the Visa Waiver Program wit***

Rep. Quigley is an author of the Visa Waiver Program Enhanced Security and Reform Act , which gives DHS broader authority to expand the VWP while enhancing the program's already strong security standards. This legislation has been

formally endorsed by President Obama
and is the result of a bicameral, bipartisan cooperation with U.S. Representatives Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Joe Heck (R-AZ) in the House and Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Mark Kirk (R-IL).

Rep. Quigley has been a staunch advocate for expanding the Visa Waiver Program and testified before Congress
in 2011 on the benefits of including Poland and other diplomatic partners. In January 2012, Congressman Quigley
traveled to Poland
to discuss ways to further enhance the U.S.-Polish partnership. Quigley's 5th Congressional District in Illinois is home to one of the highest concentrations of Polish Americans in the United States and outside of Poland.

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