Washington, DC – Today Congressman Todd Akin, Chairman of the Seapower & Projection Forces Subcommittee, released the following statement regarding the President's proposed drawdown of troops in Afghanistan:

"It is critical that we retain the necessary forces in Afghanistan to ensure the successful completion of our mission. We will review the proposed drawdown in light of the advice of our field commanders.

"The President needs to show us how exactly he plans to transition from American forces to Afghan forces. We need to understand how he is going to ensure that our efforts in Afghanistan were not in vain."