Washington, DC – Today Congressman Todd Akin, Chairman of the Seapower & Projection Forces Subcommittee, released the following statement regarding proposals to authorize the use of military force in Libya.

“President Obama has sent our troops in to combat with little consultation with Congress. The Constitution clearly requires a declaration of war from Congress, which the President refuses to ask for. Moreover, I do not believe that military engagement in Libya was in the best interests of our nation. While the human rights concerns in Libya are undeniable, there are dozens of countries around the world that are doing similar or worse things to their citizens. We are not the world’s police force, and we should not be sending our forces into combat without a clear connection to our national interests. I believe we need to get our forces out of the fight in Libya, and I will be voting accordingly.”