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**National Security Takes Center Stage at Waukesha GOP Debate**

*Russ Darrow takes aim at Feingold's stance on Patriot Act*

(Waukesha, WI) – The issue of the war on terror was again the center of attention as U.S. Senatorial Candidate Russ Darrow met with fellow Republican hopefuls for a debate sponsored by the Republican Party of Wisconsin in Waukesha.

At issue again tonight was current Senator Russ Feingold's lack of support for the Patriot Act and creation of the Department of Homeland Security, both which arose following the terrorist attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

"National security of our nation is job one for a U.S. Senator and Russ Feingold is not doing that job," said Darrow. "He was the only Senator to vote against the Patriot Act and against the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. I don't understand why Russ Feingold cares more about the civil liberties of suspected terrorists than he does the safety of our citizens."

Darrow openly called into question Feingold's record on National Security issues two weeks ago at a similar forum in Madison, where he called Feingold's vote against the Patriot Act "un-American." The comments drew national attention, even prompting a response from fellow Senator John McCain.

After learning of Darrow's comments, Feingold's campaign suggested a local paper contact McCain's office for comment, which he provided.

"I respect Senator McCain's not wanting to harshly criticize a fellow Senator," said Darrow. "But it's interesting that when Russ Feingold's record on national security issues arises, he's gets someone from outside Wisconsin to defend him. It just goes to show he's more concerned about how he's perceived by people in Washington, than he is by the voters in his own state."

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