**Washington, DC –** Congressman Sam Farr (D-CA) issued the following statement after President Obama announced that Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks against the U.S., has been killed:

“Our efforts to fight against the threats of al-Qaeda have made a significant gain with the death of Osama Bin Laden. I hope that this news can bring some comfort to the families that were effected by the devastating 9/11 attacks.

Though we have reason to celebrate, our efforts to protect our nation against terrorist threats are not over. Both home and abroad, we must look beyond the sword to truly increase our national security, and look to uplift the communities that are breeding terrorist activities around the world.

I want to salute the dedicated work and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, and recognize the leadership of President Obama and his national security team for a job well done.”

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