

# Exhibit 37

July 2014 Yoho Statement



## Yoho Wants Increased Transparency and Oversight over U.S. Drone Policy

**Washington, DC** - Today Congressman Ted Yoho (R-FL-03) introduced **H.R. 5091 – the Drone Reform Act (DRA)**, a bipartisan bill that will consolidate all authority to use armed drones within the Department of Defense (DOD). This legislation shifts all authority to DOD, which will lead to greater transparency in the budget and appropriations process by moving away from the heavily secretive intelligence budget. This will reveal to the American people where funds and program resources are being spent.

Congressman Yoho gave the following statement after introducing his bill:

*“The CIA’s main mission is intelligence collection and analysis. It should not be in the business of military strikes. This legislation will bring our armed drone fleet under the jurisdiction of the DOD, where it should be. If our national security requires drone strikes abroad, then one agency should be held accountable to the American people.*

*“Even our top military officials have been pressing for permission to publicly defend U.S. drone strikes against criticism at home and abroad and against the spread of misinformation from terrorist groups. This bill will allow our military personnel to testify before Congress and release details of all strikes. The DRA will make it clear that no other federal agency or department, or any personnel, shall have authority to operate or fire an armed drone except for DOD.”*

**Original Cosponsors: Reps. Justin Amash (R-MI), Thomas Massie (R-KY), Rush Holt (D-NJ), Paul Broun (R-GA), John Conyers (D-MI), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Mick Mulvaney (R-SC), and Raul Labrador (R-ID)**

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Congressman Ted Yoho serves on the Foreign Affairs and Agriculture Committees. He represents North Florida’s 3rd Congressional District