**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence circulated to fellow Members of Congress the following letter sent to President Obama commending his leadership in Afghanistan, urging full resourcing of the war effort and encouraging him to explain the importance of a successful counterinsurgency strategy there.

**"Now is not the time for defeatism or withdrawal, but perseverance in the face of adversity to ensure a safe future, free from the threats of the Taliban and al Qaeda,"** Pence said.

**"As our men and women in uniform continue to serve with distinction in Afghanistan, I hope the President will continue to give them the support they need, and rally the country to their side in this crucial front in the war on terror."**

The letter can be accessed **HERE** .