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NEW AD CITES BUSH FAILURE TO MAKE AMERICA SAFER

Ineffective Response to Katrina Exposes Four Years of Wrong Priorities

9/11 Commission's Recommendations Go Unheeded

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A new TV ad that will begin airing next Tuesday, cites President Bush's admission last night, in a televised speech from New Orleans, that his Administration failed to make America as safe as we "have every right to expect" in the four years since 9/11. The ad will run nationwide on CNN.

"Americans reelected President Bush because of his promise to make us safe, a promise on which we now know he failed to deliver. The 9/11 Commissioners are right: Four years after 9/11, crucial reforms were not made that could have saved lives," said Tom Matzzie, Washington Director of MoveOn.org Political Action.

Matzzie cited the report of the 9/11 Commission, released on Wednesday, in which the commissioners concluded that the federal government had failed since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks to implement important homeland security measures that could have improved the inadequate response to Katrina and saved lives.

Thomas H. Kean (R), the former New Jersey governor who headed the panel that investigated the terrorist attacks told the Washington Post, "The fundamental job of the government is to protect and defend its citizens, and at this point the United States is still very vulnerable."

"Hurricane Katrina was a wake-up call for the nation. We're not prepared to handle catastrophic events. The President and Congress must act now so we never experience a failure of this magnitude again," Matzzie concluded.

TV Ad Script: "NO SAFER"

<p>Type with graphic treatment over black</p> <p>Fast pullout... reveals George Bush.</p> <p>Photo of 9-11 Commission Graphic: Failed to make us safe. September 14, 2005</p> <p>Graphic over Bush's image.</p> <p>Graphic: Less safe today than four years ago.</p> <p>Graphic: Mis/Leader</p>	<p>Narrator:</p> <p>“Four years after the frightening experience of September the 11th, Americans have every right to expect a more effective response in a time of emergency.”</p> <p>Who said that? George Bush, after Hurricane Katrina.</p> <p>And 9-11 commissioners agree, “the government has failed” to make us safe.</p> <p>After all the promises, all the restructuring, all the money...</p> <p>We're no safer today than we were four years ago.</p> <p>We're not being led.</p> <p>We're being misled.</p>
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