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- We are here today because my office has received notice that the Department of Defense is looking into the U.S. Naval Consolidated Brig in Charleston as a potential detention facility for Guantanamo Bay detainees.
- Simply put: South Carolina does not want them.
- The terrorists being held at Guantanamo are some of the worst people imaginable, including the principal architect of 9/11—Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.
- Since 2009, Congress has repeatedly and unambiguously prohibited the transfer of Guantanamo terrorists to the United States.
  - Sec. 1041 of 2010 NDAA, P.L. 111-84
  - Sec. 1031 of 2011 NDAA, P.L. 111-383
  - Sec. 1027 of 2012 NDAA, P.L. 112-81
  - Sec. 1027 of 2013 NDAA, P.L. 112-239
  - Sec. 1034 of 2014 NDAA, P.L. 113-66
  - Sec. 1033 of 2015 NDAA, P.L. 113-291
- South Carolina will not be a part of any illegal and ill-advised action the President plans to take simply to fulfill a campaign pledge to close Guantanamo. His failure on this issue is not our problem.
- I will work with, and stand by, the South Carolina federal delegation to make sure no Guantanamo terrorists are transferred to Charleston, or anywhere else in this great State.