Washington, DC (February 29, 2012) – As a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) is outraged at alleged use of taxpayer dollars to provide detainees at Guantanamo Bay with state-of-the-art soccer fields and exercise facilities.

"America is in a fiscal crisis and this is a time in which every taxpayer dollar must be used efficiently and effectively. This certainly is not the best use of those dollars," Bilirakis said. "Department of Defense dollars should be used to protect our nation, not to entertain detainees."

Bilirakis on Wednesday sent a letter to DOD Secretary Leon Panetta questioning the decision to spend nearly $1 million on these facilities and demanding answers on how DOD funds are tracked to avoid such wasteful spending.

Read the letter here.

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