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Heritage Action opposes military action in Syria

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The political advocacy arm of the conservative Heritage Foundation came out against military intervention in Syria on Wednesday, saying the Obama administration has offered scant proof that that a strike would prevent the Syrian government from committing further violations.

“Yesterday’s hearing made it clear there is not a vital U.S. interest at stake. Further, there is not a clear, achievable, realistic purpose to the use of force being contemplated by the Obama administration and officials offered little evidence such action would prevent further abuses,” said Dan Holler, a spokesman for Heritage Action for America.

The libertarian Cato Institute has also come out against a military strike, for which the Obama administration is trying to build support, in response to an alleged chemical weapons attack by the Syrian government against its own people. “The strikes are unlikely to deter [Syrian President] Assad or others from using extreme measures when they fear for their regime’s survival, and are likely to encourage other countries to want a deterrent of their own,” wrote Cato Vice President for defense and foreign policy studies Christopher Preble on Tuesday.