For Immediate Release

May 23, 2006

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Gregg Comments on Committee Approval of Portman Nomination

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg today commented on the Budget Committee's approval of the nomination of Robert J. Portman to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Budget Committee today reported the nomination to the full Senate with a favorable recommendation, following a May 11th nomination hearing.

"Rob Portman is an excellent choice to lead the OMB. His extensive legislative and executive branch service will be invaluable as we focus on continuing strong economic trends of robust job creation and surging revenues. At the same time, we are facing the challenges of a shifting demographic - the retirement of the Baby Boom generation - which will put enormous pressure on the nation's fiscal resources. Rob will be a tremendous asset as Congress and the Administration work to keep pro-growth economic and tax policies in place, restrain spending, and ensure economic stability for future generations."