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## Shuster Applauds House Passage of Economic Stimulus Plan

*Washington, D.C.* - Congressman Bill Shuster issued the following statement after the House voted to pass the economic stimulus package:

"I am very pleased that the House moved decisively to put partisanship aside and pass the economic stimulus package today. As the President outlined in his State of the Union speech, this plan is the first step in reassuring our economy in this period of uncertainty. It is far from perfect, but it is an important start.

However, long term growth must be achieved through policies that allow the American economy to remain competitive in a crowded global market. That means making the 2001 and 2003 tax relief permanent, an end to burdensome regulations that hinder business investment, and the development of a long term sustainable energy policy that will free us from the whims of foreign energy producers.

It is now up to the Senate to agree to this package. I hope they follow in the spirit of bipartisanship that has emerged in the House on this important issue and pass this stimulus package without delay."

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