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Shuster Statement on the State of the Union

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Bill Shuster** issued the following statement on the President's seventh and final State of the Union Address of his administration:

"In his speech tonight, the President strongly emphasized the need for Congress to take quick action to reinforce the health of our economy. In the short term, the economic stimulus package he announced will help our economy weather this period of uncertainty. However, the President is absolutely correct that the tax relief of 2001 and 2003 must be made permanent in order to foster long term economic growth.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in both parties to make sure Congress passes a comprehensive stimulus plan that helps all Americans add to our economic strength. I am equally committed to seeing that the tax relief is made permanent so 116 million Americans never see an average tax hike of \$1,800 in the next three years.

The President also reiterated policies that will enable our troops to return from Iraq based on the success that was forged through the troop surge. Congress must not pull the rug out from under our men and women helping to create a stable Iraq. We cannot squander the gains our troops have made."

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