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## **Cantor Statement on President Bush's State of the Union Address**

**WASHINGTON** – Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) released the following statement today regarding President Bush's State of the Union Address:

“America is at its best when it leads the world in economic growth, innovation and expanding the reach of freedom. Tonight, President Bush challenged us to continue our progress on all of those fronts.

“I applaud President Bush for renewing our commitment to lead the advancement of freedom in the world. We cannot abandon our responsibility to be the beacon of hope for those who live under tyranny and terrorism.

“President Bush clearly understands that we must end our dependence on foreign oil. That dependency is helping to fund our enemies and those who seek to attack us. Furthermore, investing in developing new energy technologies to curb the use of oil will help to keep America on the cutting edge of innovation and keep our economy growing.

“He is also dedicated to lowering health care costs and improving access to quality care by reforming the health care system. We must make each family the president and CEO of their own health care by empowering them with control and ownership of their health care to reduce costs.

“The President also recognizes that for America to stay the leader in hard work, innovation and capital formation, we must do everything we can to make America more competitive in the global market. We should strive to double the size of the economy within the next ten years. We can accomplish that by embracing technology and reducing government regulations and roadblocks in order to create jobs and encourage investment.”

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