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**OBEY STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT'S 2011 BUDGET REQUEST** 

"JOBS HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE NUMBER ONE FOCUS OF OUR COMMITTEE"

WASHINGTON – Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement on President Obama's 2011 Budget Request which was unveiled today:

"American Jobs have been and will continue to be the number one focus of our committee. We will also work with the White House to transition to deficit reduction as the economy recovers.

"While we may differ on details, our committee will meet the President's target for appropriations. We will not exceed his requested level for appropriations; but we will also not exempt any department or activity from review, including foreign aid and the Pentagon, because none of them are without waste."

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