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Blue Dog statement on the “Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010”

Washington, DC – Today, Representative Jim Matheson (D-UT), Blue Dog Co-Chair for Communications, issued the following statement after President Obama announced that he would be sending the “Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010” to Congress.

“Talking tough about cutting spending is easy. It’s where the rubber meets the road that members on both sides of the aisle have fallen short.

“If history is any indication, we know that restoring fiscal discipline to the federal government means putting strong budget enforcement tools in place. Like statutory PAYGO, expedited rescission is one of those tools.

“The administration has taken a significant step by asking Congress to consider the Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2010. We have a responsibility to work together to see that this important legislation ultimately reaches the President’s desk.”

The Blue Dogs, under the leadership of Representative Walt Minnick of Idaho, recently introduced H.R. 4921, the Budget Legislative Enforcement Tool (BELT) Act, as part of the Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform. Like the President’s proposal, the BELT Act provides for expedited rescission, a budget enforcement tool with a history of bipartisan support that helps members of Congress and the administration to identify and eliminate wasteful and unnecessary government spending.

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