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Shuster Statement on the President's State of the Union Address

Washington, DC –Congressman Bill Shuster released the following statement on President Obama's State of the Union Address:

"While I am pleased that President Obama has decided to turn his attention to the economy and job creation, I have doubts that his colleagues in Congress are committed to the task. I also have deep concerns that the president's new found populism has more to do with slipping poll numbers than it does with an actual desire to change his agenda.

I join my Republican colleagues in welcoming the president's new found sense of fiscal responsibility, but we will hold him to his promises.

House Republicans are ready now, as we have been since the start of President Obama's term to work with Democrats when common ground can be found. Unfortunately, Speaker Pelosi and her leaders in Congress have done little to accept our input on the major legislative initiatives the president has proposed. It is my hope that the change in tone in tonight's speech signals a willingness to allow Republicans to have an active role in shaping the agenda moving forward."

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