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Shuster Reacts to President Obama's Proposed Spending Freeze

Washington, DC –**Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement on President Obama's proposed three year freeze on non-defense discretionary spending:

“While I applaud the President for finally giving lip service to the fact that we are in a budget crisis and spending is way out of control, I think his proposal for a spending freeze will have little to no effect on our budgetary bottom line. He is talking about freezing spending on only 17 percent of the budget – a portion of the budget that he just radically increased by 13 percent in his first year in office.

The President's initiative will only slow the growth of the federal budget by \$25 billion per year – at the same time he is pushing for a trillion dollars in new unsustainable entitlement spending in the form of his health care bill and a jobs program.

If the President is really serious about the spending freeze, then I eagerly look forward to his immediate veto of the first bill that increases spending. If that doesn't happen, the American people will see this pledge for what it really is; an empty promise draped in false populism to stop the slide of his poll numbers and his faltering agenda.”

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