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## President Vetoes Labor, Health and Education Investments

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WASHINGTON – Today the President vetoed the Labor, Health and Education appropriations bill. Dave Obey (D-WI), Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and the Labor-Health-Education Subcommittee, issued the following statement:

"The same President who is asking us to spend another \$200 billion on the misguided war in Iraq and is insisting on providing \$60 billion in tax cuts next year to folks who make over a million bucks a year, is now pretending to protect the deficit by refusing to provide a \$6 billion increase to crucial domestic investments in education, healthcare, medical research and worker protections that will make this country stronger.

"That is not responsible and it is not credible.

"This is a bi-partisan bill supported by over 50 Republicans. There has been virtually no criticism of its contents. It is clear the only reason the President vetoed this bill is pure politics."