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**Statement of Congressman Wally Herger (CA-2)**  
**Reaction to President Bush's State of the Union Address**  
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"President Bush powerfully made the case that our nation must continue to aggressively fight the War on Terrorism. The president's words provided a fresh reminder of the threat we continue to face, and the brutality of our enemy. I firmly share his resolve in remaining steadfast in prosecuting the War on Terrorism, including our critical mission in the newly democratic Iraq.

"I also commend President Bush for making clear that our economy is on firm footing, as indicated by strong job creation in recent years and continued economic growth. I support the president's call for Congress and the Administration to work together to tighten its financial belts, and to take further decisive actions to reform government, including the unsustainable rate of growth in entitlements. And I agree one hundred percent that Congress must make permanent the recent tax relief that has been very important in spurring increased economic prosperity in our nation.

"Further, I pledge to work with the Administration and members of both parties to improve the working environment in Washington. Our nation confronts many difficult challenges, and it is essential that we put partisan politics aside, and do the work the American people want and rightfully expect.

"I also commend the president for addressing our nation's need for a better energy policy. We rely too heavily on foreign sources of oil, and I look forward to building upon recent legislative action and continuing to look for ways to improve this important policy.

"And as a member of the committee with jurisdiction over health care, I will work with the Administration to bring forth workable proposals to reform our nation's health care policy, such as the expansion of Health Savings Accounts, to reform and strengthen health care in America."

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