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Lantos Says Bush's Misguided Economic Plan Would Lead the Country in the Wrong Direction

Washington, DC – *In response to the economic policies that President Bush outlined today in Pennsylvania, Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA), made the following statement:*

“As a professional economist and a long-serving public servant, I just cannot disagree more with the President’s articulation of his policies today. At a time of spiraling debt and conflicting national priorities, we should not be cutting taxes for the very wealthy.

“Furthermore, I do not believe we need less regulation for polluters, I do not believe that the best way to produce more energy is by drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or off the shores of California, and I do not believe that we should close the courthouse door to people injured by negligence or faulty products. Instead, we need to bring the deficit back under control, stop outsourcing American jobs, and lower health care costs both by allowing the re-importation of prescription drugs and allowing Medicare to negotiate the cost of medicine.

“It is mind-boggling that the President would propose such misguided policies that would take us in the wrong direction. What is he thinking of?”

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