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**Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers Responds to
State of the Union Address**

(Washington, D.C.) Today, Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers issued the following statement in response to President Bush's State of the Union Address:

“President Bush’s speech tonight reminded us America remains the land of opportunity, despite the challenges we face. The President outlined some important steps we can take to improve our economy – including passing an economic stimulus package that returns tax dollars to their rightful owners – the taxpayers – who we should trust to use that money in ways they see fit. Tomorrow the House will vote on an economic stimulus package that I believe will help kick start our economy.

“I continue to hear from people throughout Eastern Washington that we need to do more to control government spending. I couldn’t agree more. I was pleased the President outlined a plan to reform the earmark process. It’s one way the government can balance the budget to ensure future generations aren’t burdened with our wasteful spending. Reforming the earmark process will also help restore American’s trust in their government.”

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