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Chairman Hastings Statement on the President's State of the Union Address

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WASHINGTON D.C. – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement regarding the President's State of the Union address:

"The President spoke at length tonight on the need to increase our economic competitiveness and create new jobs. However, it's the spending and job-destroying policies of his Administration that are jeopardizing our economic future."

"Today, American families are facing the harsh realities of rising gas prices, higher electricity costs and near double-digit unemployment. Instead of addressing these issues head-on, the Administration has spent the past two years blocking access to America's resources that create jobs and produce more energy. These policies have only succeeded in driving American jobs overseas, threatening our economic recovery and making us more dependent on hostile foreign nations for our energy needs."

"A strong economy needs access to an abundant and affordable energy supply - we have both here in America. The President needs to embrace a robust plan to produce all types of American energy – from renewable to American-made oil and natural gas - and it has to be done without harmful government subsidies or unrealistic mandates. America cannot regulate its way back to prosperity. Certainty in the free market, not fear of red tape, is what will ultimately create jobs and grow the economy."

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