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## **Congressman Gary Miller's Statement on State of the Union Address**

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Gary Miller issued the following statement regarding the State of the Union address:

“It has been nearly three years since the Obama Administration rushed into law the so-called ‘stimulus’, which was supposed to prevent unemployment from rising above 8 percent. Despite ramping up federal spending and sending our national debt to record levels, today over thirteen million Americans remain out of work, while millions more have either dropped out of the workforce or are underemployed.

This evening, the President spoke eloquently about the importance of job creation. Actions speak louder than words, however. Just last week, this Administration rejected the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline, claiming that it does not serve our national interest. It seems to me that this project, which would create thousands of jobs, lessen our dependence on oil from unfriendly nations, and help ease the burden of high gas prices on workers and families is clearly in our national interest.

It is disappointing that the President chose to block the creation of thousands of private sector jobs and threaten our country's energy security, while calling for even more federal spending on government programs. Spending money we do not have and threatening families and small businesses with higher taxes will not create jobs. To grow our economy, we need to take common-sense steps now to establish a better economic environment for job creation. This includes paying down our massive national debt; eliminating wasteful spending, reforming the tax code to provide relief to taxpayers and increase America's competitiveness in the global economy, and removing unnecessary and costly regulatory burdens on small businesses, a key driver of job creation.

Real job growth comes from the private sector, not government spending and interference. It is time for the President and congressional Democrats to work with the House Majority to get our nation's finances in order and help give job creators the certainty they need to expand and put more Americans back to work.”

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