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Obey STATEMENT ON PROPOSED STIMULUS PACKAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) released the following statement today on the proposed economic stimulus package:

"The country badly needs an economic shot in the arm, and this package is good as far as it goes.

"But I am disappointed and angered that the President has blocked us from including an extension of unemployment benefits for the long term unemployed, a strengthened low-income heating assistance program to help struggling families and the elderly cope with higher home heating prices, help to the states on the Medicaid front so low-income people don't lose access to health care, and the establishment of a domestic infrastructure bank to meet the short and long term need to modernize the nation's sewer, water, and transportation systems."

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