

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (MO-2) today promised to vote against new “stimulus” spending proposed by President Obama.

Akin blasted ineffective White House policies and called for a return to common sense job creating principles:

“We’ve passed \$1.2 trillion dollars in stimulus spending during the Obama presidency. In that time our economy has 2.6 million jobs. It’s time the administration realized that governments don’t create jobs – free enterprise does. The more you tax, regulate and impose costly mandates on businesses, the fewer jobs they can create.”

“More stimulus spending is not the solution to our economic malaise and I will oppose new costly, wasteful and excessive deficit spending just as I have opposed it in the past.”

“Instead, I challenge Speaker Pelosi to allow open debate and a vote on making the current tax cuts permanent. Job creators need to know that they can invest in new employees with confidence and tax increases will only further depress our already sluggish job market.”

“In addition to stopping the Obama tax increases, we must get spending under control. I join other Republican leaders in calling for a return to 2008 spending levels, for most domestic discretionary programs. We can save \$100 billion, just by returning spending to where it was before the stimulus spending sprees, government takeovers and bailouts of the last two years.”

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