

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) today released the following statement ahead of President Barack Obama's Address to a Joint Session to Congress:

“Virginians did not need a report from the Labor Department in Washington, DC, to tell them the economy is struggling – they already know this because they live it every day. They are trying to make ends meet, worried about their homes, their jobs, and their very way of life. Each night I drive home to Montross and talk with folks in America's First District and share their ever-growing anger with the childish, outrageous ways of Washington. It is more important than ever that Congress and the President focus on job-creating measures. We must look to find areas of common ground and take action to encourage job growth. I applaud the President's focus on job creation. However, government spending is stifling job growth, and therefore the growth of our economy. Unemployment has continued to grow since the “stimulus” bill was signed into law over two years ago; it is time for a renewed approach of working together to instead put the power in the hands of hardworking Americans, small businesses and entrepreneurs who can lead the country out of this recession. Instead of more out-of-control spending, more taxes, and more regulation, we must work together for the opposite: a more responsible government, tax relief and freedom for small business owners across the country to create jobs so folks can get back to work.”

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Armed Services Committee where he is the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.