

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL), a member of the House Committee on the Budget, today made the following statement after President Bush sent his FY 2008 budget proposal to Congress:

“I commend the president for sending Congress a plan to balance the budget – without raising taxes.□ This budget maintains the successful pro-growth economic policies that have fostered our economy’s solid, sustained growth and created more than 7.2 million new jobs during the past three and a□ half years.

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“During my tenure on the Budget Committee, I have worked hard to ensure that Congress is a more responsible steward of the money the American taxpayers send to Washington.□ As with the budgeting process in previous years, the House of Representatives now enters the challenging phase of trying to meet the budget priorities of our country while, at the same time, keeping discretionary spending low and working towards elimination of the federal deficit.

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“This fiscal blueprint – while never perfect – nevertheless provides Congress an opportunity for bipartisan discussion as we work toward eliminating deficit spending.□ I will continue to do all I can to ensure we balance the needs of the American people and the government’s legitimate obligations with maintaining a strong level of fiscal responsibility.”