Washington - Responding to the submission today of President Bush's budget proposal, U.S. Representative Charlie Wilson (OH-6) issued the following statement:

"This budget is deeply troubling. We need a common sense plan with the right priorities, not an irresponsible approach that throws us into a bigger fiscal mess while putting an even heavier burden on Ohio families. Balancing a budget on the backs of our seniors, students, and struggling communities is not the answer."

Some of Congressman Wilson's biggest initial concerns with the President's budget:

— $78 billion in Medicare and Medicaid cuts

— Another round of cuts to community investments (Community Development Block Grant Program [CDBG])

— No funding for COPS (Community Oriented Policing Service)

— Millions taken from Ohio terrorism prevention and disaster response (reductions in funding to the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program)

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