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THE BUSH CHALLENGE

TIME FOR CONGRESS TO LIVE UP TO
SOME HIGH EXPECTATIONS, FOR A CHANGE

LAST NIGHT, GEORGE BUSH CAME THROUGH IN THE CLUTCH. DESPITE ALL THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND ALL THE HYPE AND ALL OF LAST NIGHT'S STANDARD PARTISAN CRITICISM, THE PRESIDENT DELIVERED AN EXTRAORDINARY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

IT HAD REAL SUBSTANCE, REAL VISION, AND REAL SOLUTIONS FOR REAL PEOPLE. THE FACT IS, THE PRESIDENT IS THE ONLY ONE IN TOWN WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR AMERICA -- FOR THE ECONOMY, FOR AMERICAN WORKERS AND FOR THE FREE WORLD.

NOW THAT THEY'VE HEARD FROM THE PRESIDENT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WAITING TO HEAR FROM CONGRESS. THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT -- CONGRESS SHOULDN'T KEEP THEM WAITING.

THIS MORNING, PRESIDENT BUSH DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO GETTING THE JOB DONE FOR AMERICA -- AND GETTING IT DONE QUICKLY -- BY COMING TO CAPITOL HILL TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF CONGRESS, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE, AND BOTH SIDES OF THE CAPITOL.

I CAN REPORT TODAY THAT AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN SENATORS, OUR SIDE IS STRONGLY BEHIND THE PRESIDENT AND HIS AMBITIOUS AGENDA. I WAS IMPRESSED BY OUR GROUP'S EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH LEVEL OF UNITY, OPTIMISM, AND ENTHUSIASM TO GET TO WORK.

WE TOLD THE PRESIDENT WE'RE READY TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND HELP HIM MEET HIS MARCH 20TH DEADLINE FOR ENACTMENT OF HIS ECONOMIC PROGRAM. SOME CRITICS MAY NOT THINK THE DEADLINE IS IMPORTANT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU PRESIDENT BUSH IS COMMITTED TO IT AND SO ARE WE.

AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE IN NO MOOD FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL FROM CONGRESS. THEY WANT ACTION, THEY WANT IT QUICKLY, AND THEY'LL BE WATCHING CONGRESS TO MAKE SURE WE DELIVER. NOW IT'S TIME FOR CONGRESS TO LIVE UP TO SOME HIGH EXPECTATIONS, FOR A CHANGE.

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