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Rep. Shuler Statement on the Economic Stimulus Plan

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler today released the following statement after voting against H.R. 1, the economic stimulus bill.

“Today Congress passed H.R. 1 in an attempt to stimulate our nation’s economy and prevent this current recession from worsening. It is my belief that Congress should use this opportunity to invest in America’s infrastructure for the 21st Century, so that we can compete in this increasingly global economy. This investment should focus on green jobs, highways and bridges, railways, a modernized electrical grid, and broadband Internet: infrastructure projects that create jobs and make America more competitive globally. In my opinion, the legislation before the House today contained too much additional spending in areas that will not offer immediate economic stimulus. As our nation faces an historic budget deficit and a national debt approaching \$11 trillion, I cannot in good conscience borrow and spend \$825 billion, further burdening future generations of Americans.”

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