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OBEY STATEMENT ON INACCURATE REPORTING ON RECOVERY.GOV

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WASHINGTON – Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement reacting to new reports of inaccuracies on recovery.gov:

“The inaccuracies on recovery.gov that have come to light are outrageous and the Administration owes itself, the Congress, and every American a commitment to work night and day to correct the ludicrous mistakes.

“Credibility counts in government and stupid mistakes like this undermine it. We’ve got too many serious problems in this country to let that happen.

“We designed the Recovery Act to be open and transparent and I expect the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, who oversees the recovery act web site and data to have information that is accurate, reliable and understandable to the American public. Whether the numbers are good news or bad news, I want the honest numbers and I want them now.”

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