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Shuster Statement on August Jobs Report

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** released the following statement after the Department of Labor released its August jobs report, which showed that unemployment increased to 9.7 percent, keeping pace with the highest national unemployment rate since 1983. The report was released a day after a major speech by Vice President Biden praising the Administration’s stimulus plan:

“With all due respect to Vice President Biden, today’s job report doesn’t fit the narrative that the stimulus plan is playing a ‘significant role in changing the trajectory of our economy.’ Instead, today’s report is more evidence that with each passing month the President’s economic plan is going nowhere and any economic recovery on its way will be a jobless one.

The American people were promised change last November, but the change we got was nothing more than a return to the failed era of big government, tax and spend policies that do nothing to encourage growth and protect individual liberties.

Earlier this year, Democrats rejected responsible Republican alternatives to the stimulus. The Democrats promised their stimulus would hold unemployment at 8 percent and they were wrong. Today, the Democrats are poised to repeat their mistake by rejecting Republican alternatives to healthcare reform. The American people can’t afford more mistakes made by one-sided government. It’s time for President Obama and Speaker Pelosi to work with Republicans before more jobs are destroyed.”

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