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Senator Gregg Comments on OMB's Fiscal Year 2008 Mid-Session Review

“Today’s announcement by the Office of Management and Budget that it has reduced its 2007 deficit forecast, from \$244 billion to \$205 billion, is further proof that the current tax system is working. Since a pro-growth tax system was enacted by the President and a Republican Congress in 2001 and 2003, the economy has grown by leaps and bounds. More than 8.2 million new jobs have been created, unemployment remains low, and tax revenues have outpaced projections. OMB today projected that tax receipts will increase 6.9 percent this year to nearly \$2.6 trillion. As a result, the deficit is shrinking rapidly and we are well on our way to a balanced budget by 2012.

“Unfortunately, this economic boon for American families and small businesses may soon come to an end, following the passage of a Democratic budget that contains the largest tax hike in the nation’s history. Under this fiscally irresponsible budget, taxes soar and spending grows even faster, resulting in trillions in additional debt. It threatens to dismantle the past five years of uninterrupted economic success, and the progress we have made in paying down the deficit. I hope that Congress will instead extend the tax policies that have done so much to benefit the U.S. economy.”