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War Supplemental Should Focus on Supporting Troops

WASHINGTON – Today, OMB Director Rob Portman issued the following statement on the war supplemental being considered by the House of Representatives:

“The war supplemental should be focused on combating terrorism and supporting our troops, and not held hostage to unrelated, domestic spending that can be addressed through the normal appropriations process. Congress should approve the funds our troops are counting on without strings and without delay.

“The Democratic leadership is wrong to add a lot of unrelated spending provisions and other provisions, like minimum wage, in an effort to gain votes.

“President Bush has been clear on these points. In a speech to the American Legion on March 6, the President noted that adding billions in extra domestic spending to an emergency war spending bill will hinder efforts to deliver the support that our troops urgently need.”

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