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Rokita: President Obama “Offers More Empty Promises”

(Washington, DC) – U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita (IN-04) released the following statement in reaction to President Obama’s State of the Union Address.

“Once again the president has offered us empty promises and divisive rhetoric. I wish it were different, I wish I had a leader to work with.

“Our country was founded on the idea that we will have the freedom to live as we choose and the opportunity to succeed through our hard work, innovation, and helping each other.

“The president’s speech fails our founding ideals in two fundamental ways. First, he continues to offer false solutions to the terrible plague of gun violence in our country. Taking away law-abiding Americans’ 2nd Amendment rights will make no one safer. It will only make the situation worse, as his ideas have done in other countries.

“But the most disturbing issue is the president’s continued refusal to seriously address the crushing debt facing our nation. Under his watch, our debt has grown by \$6 trillion, while our economy has cratered with long-term unemployment at Depression-era levels, while food and gas prices have all doubled.

“There is a better way. Through smart, limited, constitutional government, we can reclaim our birthright as Americans to live in an exceptional nation.

“In the coming weeks, I will be working to show that better way. First, I will work to pass a real balanced budget, one that will actually pay for our national priorities, and allow Americas the opportunity to succeed.

“Then we must move forward on the issues we must face; including an economy that is being choked by crushing debt and federal regulations run amok, and an education system that needs reform.”

You can watch Rep. Rokita’s remarks via YouTube [here](#).

Representative Rokita is a member of the House Budget Committee.