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**BIPARTISAN VICTORY FOR PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE TO CONTROL
SPENDING**

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 4890, the Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006 by the strong bipartisan margin of 247-172.

OMB Director Rob Portman applauded this commitment to fiscal discipline.

“We appreciate the hard work of the House leadership, the bill’s chief sponsor Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, Rep. Mark Udall of Colorado, Chairman Jim Nussle of Iowa and others. The legislative line item is a needed tool to knock out wasteful spending from otherwise responsible bills that fund critical priorities.

“The line item veto shines light on wasteful and unnecessary spending. Even when it is not exercised, it will provide a chilling effect on the most egregious earmarks, and lead to better legislating.

“Over the last weeks, the Administration has been active in communicating the importance of the legislative line item veto to Members on both sides of the aisle, and we’re very pleased with the outcome of today’s strong bipartisan vote.

“The vote today signals a strengthened commitment to fiscal discipline.”

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