WASHINGTON, DC - House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement today as the House Budget Committee considers the FY10 budget resolution:

"The budget resolution before the House Budget Committee today is a solid plan to build on Democratic efforts to restore our nation's economy. It reflects the four priorities set forward by President Obama in his budget outline earlier this year: cutting the deficit by more than half by 2013, and making strategic investments in health care, energy, and education.

"I want to thank Chairman Spratt and our Members for working together to craft a strong budget that provides a blueprint for future growth. The Blue Dogs worked constructively with the leadership to ensure spending levels provide for investment in national priorities within a fiscally responsible framework. Our budget also respects the concerns of many House Democrats and the American public that we increase investment in areas that have been underfunded in recent years, including veterans, education, and the environment.

"This budget reaffirms our commitment to fiscal responsibility and advances the priorities of the American people, and I look forward to bringing it to the House Floor next week."

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