WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement on the budget agreement announced tonight:

"Tonight President Obama, Senator Reid, and Speaker Boehner announced that a deal has been reached to fund the government for the remainder of the fiscal year. I am pleased that Republicans backed away from their hardline position of shutting the government down over divisive social issues. I will carefully review the details to ensure it contains spending cuts that do not greatly harm our ability to create jobs and invest in our economy. I believe that we must reduce the deficit, but it can be done in a way that protects investments in our future. I want to thank the President and Congressional leaders for their efforts to reach an agreement."