WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform reported H.R. 3029 , a bill to reduce the federal workforce by 10% by 2015:

“I oppose today’s efforts by House Republicans’ on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to greatly decrease the federal workforce, a ploy to once again make federal employees a scapegoat for spending. These hard-working Americans make critical contributions in service to our nation and its citizens every day, and they have already sacrificed greatly to put our nation on sounder fiscal footing, including a 2-year pay freeze that will save $60 billion over ten years. As we work on a plan for deficit reduction, I will continue supporting efforts that benefit the taxpayers and fighting for federal employees to ensure that they are not singled out to sacrifice more than their fair share.”