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*Washington, D.C.* – In response to President Obama’s third State of the Union speech, Congressman Jerry McNerney released the following statement:

“Tonight, the president spoke about issues that are facing every American. He showed that he is aware of the everyday struggles of real people, and that he is committed to building the middle class and preserving the American dream for all people.

“I hope that moving forward he will keep his focus on what will make our economy strong again and keep America at the forefront of international competition.

“Every citizen must have a clear path to a good-paying job and access to education and opportunity. We must focus on building our economy through American ingenuity and hard work.

“Right now we have the opportunity to build the middle class and those trying to reach it. With a focus on creating jobs, making education affordable, and keeping families in their homes, we can build our communities and spur economic growth.

“We have done some good work, but there are still too many folks struggling in today’s economy. We have much more to do in the months to come.”