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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico's Third District released the following statement this evening following President Obama's State of the Union Address.

“The President's speech this evening comes at a difficult time for many of New Mexico's families that are struggling to get by as a result of the deepest recession in a generation. I was pleased that President Obama made it clear that job creation must continue to be our top priority, and while we need to move forward in a fiscally responsible manner that reduces our deficit, we must also invest in the areas that will spur economic growth and create jobs.

“I could not agree more with the President that in order to win the future we have to out-innovate and out-educate the rest of the world. That is why I am working to create an innovation nation, one in which the United States is a leader in new technologies that can grow our economy. New Mexico, with our national labs and research universities, is well positioned to be integral in this effort. I am in the process of starting a bipartisan Technology Transfer Caucus in the House to help move this agenda forward.

“Tonight, President Obama laid out a blueprint to address the challenges facing New Mexico and our nation. I look forward to working with the President, my colleagues, and my fellow New Mexicans in the coming days and months to ensure our nation moves forward, propelled by the dreams and aspirations of all New Mexican families.”

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