

Murphy Reaction to President Obama's State of the Union Address

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) released the following statement after President Obama's State of the Union address to Congress and the nation this evening.

"President Obama came into the House chamber tonight, saw Republicans and Democrats sitting side by side, and chose to play the role of a uniter. In order to win the future, we've got to be hungry for the next great ideas to put people to work. And Connecticut workers are leading the way when it comes to innovation, in fuel cell technology and defense innovation.

"But to make economic progress, we've got to stop hemorrhaging jobs overseas. The best way to do that is to put politics aside, roll up our sleeves, and get tough with our competitors by closing loopholes in our Buy American laws. So I would have liked to have heard the President talk more about how to promote American manufacturing in ways other than trade agreements.

"I'm pleasantly surprised that President Obama dedicated so much of his speech to education. The achievement gap in Connecticut's schools is the largest in the nation, and it is crippling our future economic growth - fixing it will be part of the cure our economy so desperately needs."

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