

WASHINGTON — *U.S. Representative John Carney (D-DE) today released the following statement after the meeting between President Obama and Congressional leaders at the White House* :

“After today’s round of negotiations at the White House, I’m optimistic that both sides will reach an agreement on a long-term deficit reduction plan. Such an agreement is important to the future economic strength of America and our standing in the world.

“The people of Delaware understand that everything must be on table. I agree. I have consistently supported a balanced approach with meaningful tax reform and smart spending cuts that don’t undermine our long-term economic growth.

“I appreciate President Obama’s willingness to develop a comprehensive plan that doesn’t remove any program or idea from the negotiating table before consideration and discussion. It is my hope that both parties will continue to negotiate in good faith and agree on a strong plan soon.”

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