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WASHINGTON — U.S. Representative John Carney (D-DE) today released the following statement regarding President Obama's 2012 budget proposal:

"Reducing the budget deficit is of paramount importance to our nation. The President has proposed a five-year, non-security domestic discretionary spending freeze that will save the United States $400 billion during the next ten years.

"Both parties agree that we need to cut spending. The upcoming debate will not be about supporting or opposing budget cuts -- the debate will be about implementing smart budget cuts that do not jeopardize our recovery and impede our long-term economic growth.

"This problem was caused by Democrats and Republicans, and it will require Democrats and Republicans to work together to find a solution. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we determine the best way forward."

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