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Statement on This Morning's Press Conference on the Federal Stimulus Package

Response by The Honorable Talmadge Heflin, Director of TPPF's Center for Fiscal Policy, to calls by legislators to accept and spend all available federal stimulus funds:

"The federal stimulus package takes Texas and America down the wrong path. States like California and Michigan have shown us that getting hooked on federal funds is the path to economic destruction. Texas must learn from their examples and resist the federal government's bait to use one-time money to expand social programs because there won't be money to sustain them in the future."

The Honorable Talmadge Heflin is Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin. Heflin served 11 terms in the Texas House of Representatives and chaired the House Appropriations Committee in 2003, leading the Texas Legislature's successful efforts to close a \$10 billion budget deficit without a tax increase.

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