

WASHINGTON—U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., released the following statement regarding President Obama's State of the Union address—

“In his State of the Union message, President Obama announced his plan to reduce troop levels in Afghanistan by 34,000 by this time next year, and I strongly applaud his efforts to bring our troops home.

“I worry that his plan to spur the economy and to create more jobs will result in more spending and bigger deficits. If there was a direct relationship between government spending and jobs, the unemployment rate should be next to zero by now. I am committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get Americans back to work and to ensure our government begins to live within its means.”

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