

U.S. Rep. Grothman: State of the Union reaction

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(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) released the following statement after President Trump’s 2019 State of the Union address.

“I applaud President Trump for recapping our achievements in the past and for laying out his agenda for his next two years.

President Trump reminded us that he isn’t afraid to stand up to unions by highlighting the passage of Veterans Administration (VA) Accountability Act, a bill allowing the VA to let employees go when their performance is not up to the standard our veteran’s deserve.

We passed a tax cut that, not only energized the American economy, but also doubled the child tax credit to benefit American families.

He reminded us of the massive reduction in government red tape, which, among other things, has led to America becoming the world’s number one oil and gas producer.

He pointed out that Republican policies have led to the biggest decline in prescription drug prices in 46 years.

He reminded people of his bipartisan work on a criminal justice reform bill that will allow non-violent criminals to resume productive lives after being released from prison.

Looking forward, President Trump cemented his promise to increase funding for

disease research by telling the heartwarming story of one of tonight's distinguished guests, 10-year-old Grace Eline, a childhood cancer survivor.

He changed the policy of the last two presidents and promised American combat troops be taken out of Afghanistan after 17 years of involvement in that region. He also called for further negotiations on freeloading by our allies regarding national defense obligations.

I was particularly pleased that President Trump solidified himself as the most pro-life president in American history by endorsing a nationwide prohibition on abortion when babies can feel pain - 20 weeks and older. He condemned the New York and Virginia governors for their ghoulish endorsement of killing a child the day the child is born.

President Trump has tried to get Democrat legislators to understand that compassion mandates a border wall by introducing an angel family, including Debra Bissell, whose parents were tragically killed by illegal immigrants. He also recounted the tens of thousands of American lives lost by drugs coming across our southern border.

I was glad to be part of President Trump's accomplishments over the last two years, including his tax cut agenda, VA reform agenda, and reduction of government regulations. I eagerly look forward to helping him pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, of which I am a cosponsor, as well as helping him secure funding to build the wall and secure the border."