Washington, D.C. - Immediately after attending tonight's State of the Union Address, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) made the following statement:

"Once a year President Bush puts together an address that is largely focused on issues the American people and families in my district care about – such as affordable health care, energy innovation, environmental protection, education and national security. I'm hopeful that this year the president will work with Congress to move beyond rhetoric to develop bipartisan solutions that will move our country forward."

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