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State Rep. Jay Goyal Invited to Attend State Dinner at White House *Obama Administration's First State Dinner Honors India Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh*

MANSFIELD – Ohio State Rep. Jay Goyal (D-Mansfield) will attend the state dinner hosted by President Barack and Michelle Obama as the President welcomes the Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh. The dinner for Prime Minister Singh and his wife Mrs. Gursharan Kaur will be held at the White House on November 24. It is the first official state dinner of the Obama administration.

“I am honored to represent Ohio at the White House where I will discuss the issues and concerns facing Ohio’s working families,” said Goyal. “I am also pleased with the opportunity to invite my mother along with me. The work ethic and patriotism my parents displayed throughout my life was crucial in my decision to enter public service and is a continuing example to me today.”

A state dinner at the White House is an official diplomatic event governed by State Department protocol. The event is used to welcome visiting heads of state and is usually attended by the Cabinet, members of Congress, the diplomatic corps, and United States military officials. Other invitees are expected to include Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and Energy Secretary Stephen Chu. CSPAN is expected to begin footage of the event at approximately 7 pm on the night of the dinner.

Goyal was first elected to the Ohio Legislature in 2006 from the 73rd House District. He currently serves as Majority Whip and a member of the House Finance and Appropriation Committee. Since being elected, Rep. Goyal has focused on creating jobs for Ohio families and on consumer issues protecting the pocketbooks of Ohioans. He is currently sponsoring legislation to expand funding to the Ohio Venture Capital Fund and to limit water rate increases for consumers.