

WASHINGTON- Representative Lee Terry (R-NE) made the following statement urging House Leadership to have stimulus conference negotiations televised on C-SPAN:

**"If we want to be fully transparent and open in this process, I call on the Speaker and Majority Leader Reid to have conference negotiations televised on C-SPAN so all Americans can see the debate on how their money is being spent and then they can decide which plan is better."**

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This will not only provide the openness that the President has called for, but also will allow the American people to know how their tax dollars are being spent to stimulate the economy.

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