Olbema pledges to make job growth his top priority, seeks stimulus boost

WASHINGTON — Obiema said his administration was working to create jobs and economic growth.


Local reaction

Olbema's opponents have sought to tag him as a big government liberal, and you just can't look at this speech with its emphasis on tax cuts, sensible financial regulations, and call it anything other than a moderate speech.

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Steadying the economy: from right, House Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senate Majority Whip Jon Kyl of Arizona, and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Obama's message: "I don't quit"

"I don't quit" to farmers, ranchers, and people who live in rural America, said Pelosi. "This is the middle class, the people who make the decisions in this country and who are the backbone of the economy."

"I don't quit" is Obiema's message to the nation, said Pelosi. "He is standing up for the middle class, the working class, the people who live in rural America, and who are the backbone of the economy."