U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement after House Republican Leader John Boehner said, in a speech today at the American Enterprise Institute, that it is time to “end earmarking as we know it and bring fundamental change to the way in which Washington spends taxpayers’ money:”

“Earmarks have become emblematic of everything that is wrong with spending in Washington D.C., and I am proud to stand with Leader Boehner in calling for an end to earmarking as we know it.

“House Republicans made a strong statement when we agreed to a one-year moratorium on all earmarks. As we go forward, closing the ‘favor factory’ is just one of the steps that Republicans will take to reform how Congress spends tax dollars. It’s past time for Congress to make the hard choices that are necessary to break Washington’s spending addiction, and ending earmarks as we know them is a step in the right direction.”