(Washington, D.C.) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) released the following statement in advance of tonight's State of the Union Address. Holt's guest for the speech was Dr. Marshall J. Cohen, President and CEO of Princeton Power Systems. PPS received $2.8 million in economic recovery funding to expand its smart grid technology efforts, money PPS has used to create a dozen jobs. According to PPS, they are on the path to creating 275 new jobs by 2015.

"As I continue to meet with New Jersey families, it's clear our first priority is creating jobs, and we can do that best by investing in innovative research and supporting small businesses. Tonight, I invited to sit in the gallery during the State of the Union address a constituent who embodies one of my priorities as a Representative. My guest, Marshall Cohen, is a small business leader whose company – Princeton Power Systems – turned innovative research into sustainable jobs that are being created at a fast clip. These are jobs that contribute to an economic recovery, while making our communities more energy efficient."