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***ENZI PRAISES STRONG ECONOMY, JOB GROWTH IN SEPTEMBER;
6.6 MILLION NEW JOBS CREATED SINCE AUGUST 2003***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today praised the strength of America’s economy as it continues to create new, higher-paying jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today that payroll employment increased by 51,000 in September dropping the nation’s unemployment rate to a low 4.6 percent.

“Today’s announcement is proof positive that the economy is continuing on the right track,” Enzi said. “More Americans are working today than ever, and unemployment is low. Gas prices are falling rapidly, and wages are increasing. These factors are leading to new high paying jobs and more opportunities for America’s working families.”

Under Republican leadership, the U.S. economy has created 6.6 million new jobs since August 2003. It has also resulted in 37 months of sustained job creation, including a 4.1 percent jump in hourly earnings in the first part of this year, dramatically improving the standard of living for many Americans.

Enzi also encouraged his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to further strengthen the economy by controlling spending and reducing taxes, a pro-growth policy approach that will continue to create economic growth and lower the deficit.

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