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***ENZI: DEMOCRATS' PROPOSAL A PARTISAN ROAD  
TO GOVERNMENT-RATIONED CARE***

**Washington, D.C.** –U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today said that he will work aggressively to achieve a bipartisan solution on health care reform, a final product he said will need to look “very different” than the draft legislation released by HELP Committee Democrats today.

“For health care reform to work and have broad support, it needs to be bipartisan,” Enzi said. “Unfortunately, the draft bill that Democrats released today is a partisan wish-list that will put us on the road to government-rationed health care.

“We’ve been meeting with Democrats for months to discuss health care reform, but from what I’ve seen in this proposal, it doesn’t look like they listened at all.”

Enzi reaffirmed his commitment to working in a bipartisan way to achieve health care reform, adding that including a government-run program is a wedge that will make a bipartisan solution impossible.

“This proposal leaves room for a government-run plan, which would cause millions of Americans to lose the health insurance they have now and force them onto a plan where Washington bureaucrats ration their care.

Enzi also said that for health care reform to be sustainable it must bring down costs and Congress must find a way to pay for it. The Democrats’ proposal includes significant increases in spending, does little to reduce costs, and is not paid for.

“We’ve said repeatedly – and President Obama agrees – that we must bring down health care costs in order to expand coverage in a responsible way. Yet the Democrats’ proposal does very little to address rising costs and make insurance more affordable.

“Our nation’s credit card is maxed out. We can’t afford to pay for health care reform by borrowing any more or going further into debt. The President talked today about paying for things as we go – how about starting with healthcare?”

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