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Enzi Statement on Doc-Fix Vote

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today issued the following statement on Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senator Debbie Stabenow's, D-Mich., "doc-fix" bill:

"I strongly support fixing reimbursement rates for doctors who treat Medicare patients, but we cannot bust the budget to pay for it. With an already record-high deficit, this bill would dig us a quarter-trillion dollars deeper.

"The majority is trying to add a quarter-trillion dollars in Medicare spending to our nation's deficit this week. Meanwhile, they're working behind closed doors on a health care bill that will cut a half-trillion dollars from Medicare benefits to pay for new entitlement programs. That is irresponsible. We need to fix Medicare's problems, like physician payments, before anyone should even think about cutting more money from Medicare to create a new government entitlement program."

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