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## **Enzi Calls For Real Job Growth Solutions**

*Companies Squeezing More From Less, Willing Workers Still Need Jobs*

**Washington, D.C.** – Responding to reports that unemployment rose to 10.2 percent, U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, said the troubling job losses announced today confirm that the economy is too fragile to stand the massive new spending contained in the majority's health care bills, and that encouraging new competition in economy is the best medicine for job growth and the nation's health care system.

Today's report from The Department of Labor showed unemployment rising to a 26-year high at 10.2 percent in October.

"Instead of forcing massive new spending programs and building new layers of federal bureaucracy, we need to unleash the forces of competition and the free market to help put people back to work, and to get a hold on runaway health care costs that are keeping health insurance out of reach for millions," Enzi said.

"Offering government bailouts, and massive new health care spending programs, makes for great rhetoric and great politics, but it isn't responsible policy," Enzi added.

Enzi said he will continue his push for fundamental healthcare reform – one step at a time – with a series of common-sense reforms to provide health insurance for all. One of those key reforms would allow small businesses to pool together and purchase insurance across state lines through Small Business Health Plans.

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