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Enzi: Reid Bill Would Squeeze Small Business

Washington, D.C. – **What would the Reid health care bill mean for small businesses? More taxes, higher costs and new mandates. For workers, the bill would mean fewer jobs and lower wages,** U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), a former small business owner, said in a speech on the Senate floor today.

“How would more taxes, higher health care costs and heavy-handed mandates help our small businesses grow and create new jobs?” Enzi asked.

“The experts agree – the Reid bill would mean fewer jobs and lower wages for American workers. We have lost nearly three and a half million jobs since January, and our unemployment rate is at a 26-year high of 10.2 percent. How can they even consider putting more jobs at risk?

“Instead of taxing and penalizing small businesses, we should be working together to *reduce* health care costs and *help* small businesses provide coverage for their employees. That is why I have fought for years to help small businesses band together and get the same discounts that insurers typically give large employers.”

Video and full text of Senator Enzi’s speech will be available at www.enzi.senate.gov.

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