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***ENZI URGES SOLIS TO FOSTER COOPERATION, NOT
CONFRONTATION, IN EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER RELATIONS***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today emphasized that the Department of Labor would achieve better results by approaching employee-employer relations in a cooperative, not confrontational, manner, and urged the Secretary of Labor designate to work constructively with both labor and business.

“It’s counterproductive to treat employees and employers as enemies,” Enzi said at a confirmation hearing for Representative Hilda Solis, nominee for Secretary of Labor.

“We need to reject the ‘us versus them’ mentality that has characterized labor-management relations for too long. By working with, not against, small businesses and other employers, we can help them create new jobs, make payroll, provide good benefits, and promote safe and flexible work environments,” Enzi said.

Enzi said that he will work to find common ground with the Obama administration to help small businesses grow and create jobs, and to help all Americans develop the knowledge and skills to fill those jobs.

“We need to retool our job training system to bolster our economy and ensure that every American has the knowledge and skills to be successful,” Enzi said. “We must reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act to keep our competitive edge and prepare our workers for the high-paying, high skills jobs of the 21st century.”

“Although we have very different views on most labor union issues, I am hopeful that we can work constructively together,” Enzi said.

