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***ENZI TO DASCHLE: LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE ACCESS
TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE A REALITY FOR ALL
AMERICANS***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today said he is “ready to work with the Obama Administration to make access to affordable health care a reality for all Americans.”

“I want to work with you and President-elect Obama to help every American get high quality, affordable health insurance,” Enzi said before a confirmation hearing for former Senator Tom Daschle, nominee to head the Department of Health and Human Services.

“We can work together to make a positive difference in Americans’ lives. By finding areas of agreement and focusing on solutions, I’m confident that meaningful health care reform is within our grasp.”

Enzi said he hopes that Republicans and Democrats can work together to build on shared commitments to reduce the number of uninsured, contain costs, improve quality, and make health care more accessible for everyone.

However, Enzi warned against expanding insurance coverage through more government-run bureaucracies like Medicaid.

“Forcing private plans to compete with a public program like Medicaid, with its price controls and ability to shift costs to private payers, will inevitably doom true competition and could ultimately lead to a single payer, government run health care program. Any new insurance coverage must be delivered through private health insurance plans,” Enzi said.

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