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Jim Rutledge encourages Marylanders to oppose Mikulski backed Health Care Plan

FOREST HILL, Maryland- Jim Rutledge announced that the Rutledge for Senate Campaign will continue its efforts this week to encourage the Citizens of Maryland to oppose the present Health Care Reform legislation supported by Barack Obama and Barbara Mikulski. Jim Rutledge is standing firm on the belief that government run health care created through back room deals with special interest groups is not what the American people want. The desire to pass anything with health care reform stamped on it has led Senators like Barbara Mikulski to champion this ill-conceived legislation and pursuit of its passage by violating Senate Rules.

Jim Rutledge stated, "I think it is shameful for Democrats like Barbara Mikulski and Barack Obama to be so desperate that they are willing to resort to anything for the sake of political expediency. Using Reconciliation to push this on the American people is just another example of why we can't trust Barbara Mikulski anymore."

The proposed strategy to invoke the Byrd Rule to pass the Obama Health Care Reform Legislation has drawn sharp criticism even from Democrats. Senator Robert Byrd who wrote the Reconciliation rule called this strategy "An outrage that must be resisted". Senator Kent Conrad who is chairman of the Senate Budget Committee stated, "Reconciliation cannot be used to pass comprehensive health care reform."

Jim Rutledge shares the frustration of Marylanders who want Washington to cut taxes and create jobs. Rutledge stated, "An economy that is struggling, people out of work, government spending out of control and what does Barbara Mikulski do? She wants to cut Medicare and raise taxes." Jim Rutledge believes we cannot afford to trust Washington and career politicians like Barbara Mikulski any longer.

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For more information about Jim Rutledge and his campaign for U.S. Senate in Maryland, please visit the campaign online at www.rutledgeforussenate.com

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