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Reno, NV – Former four-term Nevada State Assemblywoman Sharron Angle (R., NV), who is exploring a bid for the U.S. Senate seat currently occupied by Harry Reid (D., NV), was reviewing the latest numbers from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) concerning health insurance coverage at a time when the Senator Reid was pointing fingers at Republicans. “The Senate Majority Leader is ignoring reliable CBO numbers and trying to divert attention from his own party,” said Angle. “The reality is that while deficits continue to soar under this administration and economic recovery remains murky, it is the Democrats who are unable to unite under Harry Reid.”

Angle said that Reid is aware that the CBO is well recognized for delivering nonpartisan economic analysis. “Mr. Reid is unable to dispute CBO numbers, so he hides behind the blame game and refuses to have an honest discussion with Americans concerning the cost consequences of government run health-care. The CBO says that Ted Kennedy’s plan would only cover one-third of the uninsured at an exorbitant cost of one trillion dollars. Will Mr. Reid resort to grade school math in an attempt to triple that amount to three trillion dollars if he thinks it would insure the other two-thirds he keeps talking about?”

While Reid avoided discussion about the cost consequence, Angle responded to some of the proposals being batted around by nervous Democrats. “They’re not just talking about taxing Dr. Pepper. There are also plans to tax foods that contain salt, proposals to limit tax deductions, implementations of a carbon tax and a national sales tax, deep cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, and most egregious is their scheme to tax current health-benefits, a measure that was regarded as off limits by this administration during their campaign stops.” Angle advised that any attempt to tax employer benefits during a wobbly economy would only sway companies to drop current employee insurance or reduce worker take-home pay.”

Angle was quick to point out that absent from any plan was a willingness to place caps on medical-malpractice awards, a major factor of health-cost increases. “What else would we expect from this administration?” asked Angle. “Mr. Reid voted to appoint a Health and Human Services Secretary who once worked as a lobbyist for her state’s trial lawyers association. I see a deep conflict there.”

Angle criticized Reid’s eagerness to push for a takeover of nearly 20% of the nation’s economy by autumn when major components, such as what the government option would be and which employer mandates would be put in place, have yet to be revealed to the American people. “Mr. Reid wants to redistribute healthcare and increase the number of recipients on the backs of taxpayers, but every plan fabricated under his leadership is falling short of reducing costs or increasing efficiency.”

“It is ludicrous for Mr. Reid to imagine this administration is capable of nationalizing healthcare when government bureaucrats prove time and time again that they are incapable of deciding cost-effectiveness,” Angle continued. “While Mr. Reid fantasizes a utopian representation of low cost, greater choice, medical plans for everybody with an influx of more doctors entering the work force, the members of his own party are backing off of such claims due to actual CBO numbers. In light of the latest CBO figures, members of Mr. Reid’s own party are admitting that hope & change will cost more, increase coverage by too little, and trigger a cause of action that kicks many satisfied constituents off of their current coverage.”

“With estimates already at one to two trillion dollars during ten years for a plan that still leaves most of the uninsured without coverage, Democrats would not be willing to take the risk of isolating their constituents, most of whom are satisfied with their current health plan,” Angle concluded. “Mr. Reid needs to recognize that Americans want their health decisions to be determined by them and their doctor, not a DMV-styled bureaucracy deciding if a person is really worth it when it comes to well-being. Americans want affordable health-care, not a bureaucratic nightmare.”

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