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**Heller: ObamaCare is Not the Cure-All That Was Promised**

**(Washington, DC)** – Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke at the Senate Finance Committee Hearing titled, “The Affordable Care Act at Five Years.” Heller’s remarks focused on the fact ObamaCare has caused more harm than good as nearly 35 million remain uninsured today.

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**REMARKS AS PREPARED:**

Thank you, Chairman Hatch. I appreciate the committee’s continued focus on President’s health care law, its impact on American taxpayers, and the broken promises to American families.

Five years after this law was passed – without a single Republican vote in support – the so-called health care law hasn’t proven to be the cure-all that was promised.

It’s resulted in higher premiums, fewer options, and has hurt both large and small businesses and their employees.

And the Administration continues to take unilateral actions to change or delay the law when it’s not working they wanted.

There are still 35 million uninsured Americans today.

Further, nearly 11 million people have been added to the already-strained Medicaid rolls.

But increased coverage doesn’t automatically equal increased access.

In my home state of Nevada, our Medicaid population has nearly doubled, but we haven’t added more Medicaid providers to cover these new patients.

The same is true in many other states.

Simply adding millions of people to a struggling program isn’t a long-term solution.

The President also promised “if you like your private health insurance plan, you can keep your plan. Period.”

Remember, this is a promise the President repeated on dozens of occasions.

But I heard from many Nevadans who received cancellation notices or were informed they’d have to find new health care plans. They were confused, and understandably upset.

So while access may have increased for some, this law caused major problems for many people who already had coverage they liked and could afford. That’s not reform.

True health care reform means increasing access for people who don’t have coverage and ensuring stability and certainty for those who do.

There is a real opportunity to learn from the mistakes that have been made and implement real health care reforms that improve affordability and increase access.

Again, I appreciate this opportunity today, and would like to ask our witnesses some questions.

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