

Rockefeller still wants Socialized Medicine

"Co-ops Equal Freddie Care and Fannie Caid"

CHARLESTON, WV - AUGUST 20, 2009 -West Virginians have repeatedly voiced their opinion against socialized medicine or the so called Public Option. Senator Rockefeller continues to ignore the people of West Virginia that sent him to Washington. In a statement on the Health Care Bill the Senator said, "I believe the inclusion of a strong public plan option in health reform legislation is a must."



"The public option scares me to death," said Gary Howell of Keyser, "In June of 2005, I was diagnosed with an umbilical hernia at the same time a friend in Canada was diagnosed with the same condition. I had mine repaired the following month. My friend waited 2-years. He then gave up on the Canadian system, came to the United States and paid himself to have it repaired here. Where do we go when they begin to ration care here under Rockefeller's plan?"

The Obama administration has backed off on using the term "Public Option," but not off the idea. They are now referring to it as a "Co-op Plan" instead. Edmund Haislmaier of the Heritage Foundation said, "Simply calling some form of government-sponsored enterprise a 'cooperative' is worse than false advertising." A co-op plan will be funded with tax payer money and run as a Government Corporation like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

WVGOP Chairman, Doug McKinney, himself a medical doctor said, "Creating Freddie Care and Fannie Caid are no different than the public option. It is a recipe for failure; we do not want the same people that destroyed the financial system running the health care system." He went on to say, "We need to look at medical tort reform as a way to cut health care cost without rationing service through government run co-ops."

The West Virginia GOP continues its call for our Congressional leaders to listen to the people through town halls and take West Virginian views back to Washington.

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