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**FOREST HILL, Maryland-** Republican U.S. Senate Candidate Jim Rutledge vowed today that he would vote to repeal the Obama Health Care Plan supported by Barbara Mikulski. The Rutledge Campaign also calls upon Marylanders this week to demand that Barbara Mikulski refrain from using reconciliation as a “nuclear option” to pass this health care bill.

Jim Rutledge stated, “It is one thing to try to pass bad legislation but to do so by slight of hand and against the wishes of the American people is just another slap in the face by Barbara Mikulski.” The Democrat proposal calls for 500 billion dollars in cuts to Medicare, 500 billion dollars in new taxes, and 2.5 trillion dollars in new spending. Jim Rutledge believes Washington must make creating jobs and lowering the deficit our top priorities.

The economy continues to struggle and the economic picture is getting worse. The tax and spend policies supported by Barbara Mikulski and Barack Obama are crippling America at every level. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is reporting that state and local governments are facing operating deficits until 2060. The GAO report calls for a 12.3% spending reduction every year at the state and local level to offset these deficits. Communities are struggling to survive while Washington continues to create more debt, more taxes, and more unfunded mandates.

Rutledge said, “Washington is the problem not the solution and that’s why I pledge my vote to repeal this irresponsible health care plan if it should pass”.

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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](http://www.rutledgeforussenate.com)

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