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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH: RIGHT ON HEALTH CARE, BUT JOBS PROPOSALS DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH

*Citizen Action opposes freeze:
'Spending caps never created a single job, cared for a sick child,
or kept a family in its home'*

(Charleston, WV) – President Obama Wednesday night failed to lay out a jobs program robust enough to extricate the country from its unemployment crisis and his proposal to cap domestic spending would lead the nation in the wrong direction, WV Citizen Action Group (WV-CAG) said today.

At the same time, WV-CAG expressed support for Obama's determination to pass health care reform and announced that it will continue to press Congress on the issue.

"We are pleased that the President understands the urgency in passing health care reform this year," said Gary Zuckett, WV-CAG Executive Director. "But we are disappointed that he did not propose a jobs program that is as massive and robust as the problem he inherited. Also, a freeze on domestic spending will take us in the wrong direction. **Spending caps never created a single job, cared for a sick child or kept a family in its home by staving off home foreclosure.**"

Mr. Zuckett added that the savings we would gain from Obama's proposal to freeze domestic spending is dwarfed by the hundreds of billions of dollars the country is spending to escalate the war in Afghanistan.

WV-CAG is a multi-issue organization that thinks government should play a key role in promoting opportunity, prosperity and security for all Americans. WV-CAG's federal issue work in 2010 includes health care reform, jobs and economic recovery, effective financial regulation, fair tax policies, immigration reform and bringing a responsible end to the war in Afghanistan.

WV-CAG is part of USAction.org, a national grassroots organization with affiliates and partners in 27 states.

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