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***CARD CHECK: "THE BILL THAT KEEPS ON TAKING
FROM AMERICA'S WORKERS," ENZI SAYS***

Washington, D.C. – Up to 600,000 American workers may lose their jobs next year if the Democrat-sponsored Card Check bill becomes law, according to a study released today of the measure's potential impact on an already weakened economy, prompting U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) to label the bill "a gift to union bosses that keeps on taking from America's workers."

"If Congress passes the card check bill, America's workers will lose their democratic rights in the workplace, and 600,000 may also lose their jobs next year alone," said Enzi, Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee.

"Taking away the fundamental right to a secret ballot was bad enough," Enzi said. "Are Democrats so indebted to union bosses that they're willing to pay them back by sacrificing American jobs, even during a recession?"

Dr. Anne Layne-Farrar, an economist with the non-partisan firm LECG Consulting, today released a study on a bill that Democrats are poised to introduce this Congress. The bill's radical provisions would make it easier for union bosses to use intimidation and harassment to coerce American workers into joining a union. It would strip away the fundamental right of workers to decide through a secret ballot election whether to form a union, and instead require workers to declare publicly their preference by signing a card.

Union leaders have claimed that the strong-armed tactics they could employ under card check would cause union membership to increase by 1.5 million each year for the next 10-15 years. The Layne-Farrar study projects that the unionization of 1.5 million existing jobs under the card check bill would cause 600,000 Americans to lose their jobs the following year.

The study, which examines the economic toll inflicted in Canada since similar laws were enacted, specifically concludes that every 3 percent increase in union membership through card check would lead to a 1 percent increase in the unemployment rate.

The full report, *An Empirical Assessment of the Employee Free Choice Act: The Economic Implications*, is available here: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1353305>.

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