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***ENZI: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
BEST CHOICE TO REGULATE TOBACCO***

Washington, D.C. – At today’s Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee markup on a bill requiring the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to approve and regulate tobacco products, U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.) offered an amendment that would shift that responsibility to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“FDA is the wrong agency to regulate tobacco,” said Enzi, Ranking Member of the HELP Committee. “CDC has the infrastructure, personnel and mission to take on tobacco. FDA does not.

“My fierce opposition to smoking is a result of smoking killing my dad, and my mom, and my mother-in-law, and second-hand smoking conclusively affecting me. This is not political. This is personal,” Enzi said.

Enzi noted that CDC already has special anti-tobacco campaigns targeting youth and an office dedicated to tobacco, the Office on Smoking and Health. In addition to moving tobacco regulation to CDC, the Enzi amendment would change the name of the office to the Office on Smoking OR Health.

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