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**Murphy Should Hold “In Person” Townhall Meeting on Health Insurance Reform**

**NEWTOWN, PA** – Murphy Watch spokesperson Paul Salvatore called on Congressman Patrick Murphy to hold at least one real live townhall meeting where concerned residents of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District can ask Congressman Murphy about the 1200 plus page Health Insurance Reform bill that he supports.

Salvatore stated, “I’m glad that Congressman Murphy took a few questions at the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce meeting a few weeks ago, but now it is time for him to have a public meeting open to all constituents so he can answer specific questions about this bill.”

He added that he has concerns about the public option and Murphy’s often repeated phrase that those with private health insurance coverage through their employer have nothing to worry about and will be able to keep that coverage if the bill passes and becomes law.

“Congressman Murphy needs to explain to Bucks County residents whose coverage may be dropped by their employer once the public option goes through how they will keep their coverage when their employer tells them to just go sign up for the public option. The fact that someone who makes close to \$90,000 a year will be able to get health insurance from the government is troubling. Where does he expect the money to come from to pay for such an entitlement?”

Salvatore suggested Murphy hold the townhall at a location large enough to accommodate a large group of citizens. “I know the Congressman holds meetings about veterans’ issues at the Bucks County Community College from time to time. Perhaps his staffers can work with the college to ensure a location and time for him to meet with his constituents on this very important issue.”

He added “A virtual townhall meeting where Murphy is on the other end of a phone and can’t see the looks on his constituents’ faces as they express their problems with this 1200 page bill is unacceptable. After reviewing the bill myself I see there are billions of dollars that will be spent on nothing related to providing health insurance coverage. It is again loaded with pork for special interest groups just like the other bills he has voted to pass.”

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