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**Swastikas comment should be denounced by Murphy**

**NEWTOWN, PA** – After a weekend where Americans across the country attended many townhall meetings to ask questions about the various thousand and more page bills in Congress that would completely change how health insurance is delivered in the U.S. members of the federal government have stooped to an all time low and are now attacking the character and integrity of citizens who dare ask questions.

Yesterday the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Democrat Nancy Pelosi from California said the following about those who had the audacity to come to townhall meetings to ask questions and express their views about a government take over of the health insurance industry “They're carrying swastikas and symbols like that to a town meeting on health care.”

Today Murphy Watch spokesperson Paul Salvatore, calls on Pelosi supporter Pat Murphy to denounce these words of hate and Anti-American sentiment from Pelosi.

“The citizens of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, some who I personally know have attended various townhall meetings on health care have been completely insulted and denigrated by Speaker Pelosi. Congressman Murphy needs to stand up today, not tomorrow, not 3 weeks from now, but today and denounce the Speaker. I also believe he should ask her to resign”, stated Salvatore.

Salvatore went on to add, “Her comments crossed the line. This is akin to someone saying you are a communist if you agree with government run healthcare. This type of rhetoric gets us nowhere. Congressman Murphy should also work to hold more open forums on health care policy so that more voices can be heard on this subject. The Obama administration promised us respectful dialogue, open debate and transparency. Denigrating those who disagree with a policy and brandishing them as Nazis and extremists is something out of 1984, not a new form of politics for 2009 and beyond.”

Murphy Watch also contacted former Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick to get his thoughts on the disgraceful comment by Speaker Pelosi and the silence out of Congressman Murphy’s office on this topic.

“Pat Murphy has avoided holding any town hall meeting at all on one of the most important issues of our time. The way to properly and appropriately distance himself from the spectacle being witnessed in towns across American and in Washington is to hold sincere town hall meetings throughout his District where all points of view are considered and respected and where Mr. Murphy withholds judgment on the issue until all constituents have the opportunity to air their views”, stated the former Congressman.

Fitzpatrick concluded, “Mrs. Pelosi is the model of how not to handle serious debate and her attack on patriotic Americans is neither dignified nor befitting the office of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.”

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