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PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH:

Right on Health Care, BUT Florida Needs More Jobs!

Tampa, FL – President Obama Wednesday night expressed determination to pass health care reform. FCAN expressed support for Obama's position 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 Bill Newton, Executive Director. "We are urging the House and Senate to work together to pass the final comprehensive reform bill. People want affordable coverage. They need relief from denials for pre-existing conditions and elimination of the Medicare 'donut hole.' And many Floridians are without care because they don't have jobs and therefore don't have employer based plans. More options are needed, and soon."

"We also support the President's intention to make jobs a priority, but we want a jobs program that is as massive and robust as the problems we have. We're concerned that a freeze on domestic spending at this time may take us in the wrong direction." Newton added that the savings we would gain from ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could be used for domestic priorities.

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

Florida Consumer Action Network is part of USAction, a national grassroots organization that has affiliates and partners in 27 states.

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