

Mollohan Heeds Republican Call

But Meeting Size Falls Short for Needs of West Virginians

CHARLESTON, WV - AUGUST 13, 2009 - Congressman Alan Mollohan has scheduled a town hall meeting to hear citizen concerns on health care at Wheeling Jesuit University's Troy Hall at 6 PM tomorrow. According to reports in the media, Troy Hall can only hold 250 and with other health care town halls across the country attracting 1,000 or more, it is unlikely that venue will be adequate for those who wish to be heard.



West Virginia Republican Party Chairman Doug McKinney said, "We hope this will be a truly open event unlike the one held in Charleston by Senator Rockefeller." Wednesday, the Charleston Daily Mail reported, "Though pre-forum material for the Rockefeller event at UC [the University of Charleston] seemed to suggest it was open to the public, organizers Tuesday said it was invitation only. Michael Kidd of Putnam County said, "It's not really public comment. It's preaching to the choir."

Chairman McKinney, who is also a medical doctor stated, "This bill does nothing to address the major problem of medico-legal expense, portability of health insurance, and forces one into the national plan if one loses his insurance due to job loss or change of jobs. What makes our leaders think that that which has already failed in so many other countries would succeed here?"

The West Virginia Republican Party renews its call for West Virginia's congressional representatives to hold a series of "**open and public**" town hall or telephone town hall meetings across the state.

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