(WASHINGTON, D.C) - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) today released the following statement in response to Bureau of Labor Statistics report that national unemployment rate reached 9.7 percent in August, a 26 year high.

“These new unemployment numbers are another stark reminder that the Obama Administration’s stimulus plan has failed and their economic policies are not working. It is a disservice to the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs and are out of work that the President and Democrats are focused on pushing the liberal agenda of a government takeover of our health care system rather than helping get Americans back to work.”

“Unemployment is at a 26 year high and continues to rise. Jobs and the economy should be the focus of the President’s address to Congress this week, not another attempt to sell the American people a government takeover of health care that we can’t afford and we don’t need.”

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