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FLEOA URGES SENATE TO REJECT SENATOR REID'S PUBLIC OPTION "COMPROMISE"

Lewisberry – Today Jon Adler, National President for the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), is urging Senators to reject a recent public option compromise presented by Senator Harry Reid. Adler emphasizes that as a Federal employee group, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) takes no position regarding whether or not health care legislation should offer a public option. However, he is obligated to express his concern about the consequences of Senator Reid's proposal, which FLEOA sees as a slow walk to Senator Grassley's abandoned suggestion – abolishment of the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

Under this purported compromise, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) would negotiate with private insurers and administer an FEHBP styled program for the civilian population should private companies fail to provide services in accordance with the health care bill.

This proposal fails to consider program growth of such a program and as such does not see the real possibility of FEHBP being subsumed by the newly crafted, OPM run civil health care program.

Jon Adler explains that he, like others in the Federal workforce, is frustrated by rising premiums under his FEHBP plan, but stresses that it is nothing compared to what could be expected should Federal workers be thrown into the same risk pool as thousands of the previously uninsured. "We cannot afford the kind of premiums under such a plan."