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***Backroom Deals, "Sweeteners" and Hiding is not the Wisconsin Way
Ribble to Kagen: Your voters deserve better than this***

Reid Ribble spoke out against the back-room healthcare deliberations going on today and urged Congressman Steve Kagen to publicly oppose the shady deals and the bill sweeteners.

"The costs of this bill were released today and Nancy Pelosi is crowing that the health care will reduce the deficit by \$130 billion," Ribble said. "Really? So we're increasing government spending by almost \$1 trillion to get a cost savings of \$130 billion? Only in Washington DC does that math make sense."

Ribble said there is a need for health care reform, but disagrees that the current plan is the best way to achieve it. Additionally, Ribble is concerned about the fairness of such a plan where some states are favored in order to obtain its delegation's vote.

"This afternoon, details are emerging on the sweeteners that have led congressional members to vote for the bill," Ribble said. "The voters of northeastern Wisconsin do not favor the backroom details and the concessions that are made to buy votes. It's not the Wisconsin way."

Ribble said that if he were the sitting congressman, he would vote "no" on this proposal. He is encouraging Kagen to discuss how he intends to vote with the media and with his constituents. Reports last night from multiple media sources indicated that Kagen was "too busy" to speak about the debate or the bill.

"I respectfully stand with the 250 voters who came to your office last night to encourage you to vote 'no.' I stand with the voters who told you on Tuesday night's call that 'this is not the right bill, not the right time.' I stand with the Wisconsin voters who will be forced to pay the bill on the sweet deals cut to placate elected officials from Nebraska, Florida, Michigan, Louisiana, Connecticut and Montana." Ribble said. **"Congressman, the voters of northeastern Wisconsin would like a second opinion."**

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Ribble is a former Kaukauna-area roofing contractor and Republican candidate for the 8th Congressional District who is not "too busy" to discuss health care reform.