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SENATOR FAILS TO BACK AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS ***Sullivan: “Mike Crapo is owned by Wall Street”***

9/17/2010—Idaho Democrat Tom Sullivan criticized 17-year Washington incumbent Mike Crapo’s vote yesterday *against* legislation meant to bolster small businesses, arguing “The surest way to keep jobs in America is to support small businesses that are the core of America’s entrepreneurial spirit. Mike Crapo voted against it even as some conscious Republicans came together to vote in favor of American small business, realizing that it in these tough economic times America should come before party. Unfortunately, Mike Crapo is owned by Wall Street contributions – his top five contributors for years have included the likes of JP Morgan and Goldman Sachs.” (New York Times, [NY Times](#)) (Campaign Finance/Money, [Open Secrets](#))

Many Senate Republicans previously blamed Democrats for failing to pass the small business jobs bill because the Senate spent too much time passing Wall Street reform and extending unemployment assistance. (Washington Post, [Jul. 27, 2010](#))

“We are in a recession! What is the point of having a Senator who won’t help pass a jobs bill with tax cuts for small businesses?” asked Sullivan. “Since the economic downfall Mike Crapo has managed to vote *three* times against unemployment benefits, once against emergency funding for teachers, firefighters, and policeman, and *twice* against stimulus money that funded Idaho jobs that he *now* takes credit for! Now he has turned his back on American small businesses. Idahoans are suffering, and Crapo’s vote is both spineless and heartless. We need to get him out of the Senate precisely because we need more folks to vote *for* small business.” (Project Vote Smart, [Mike Crapo](#))

The proposed small business initiatives include the elimination of some capital gains taxes on investments, new tax credits, and the creation of a community-bank program to increase lending to small businesses.

“To get out of this recession we need to provide credit to grow businesses and create jobs. We have to work our way out,” says Sullivan. “I know first hand what shutting off credit can do to a business. People are hurting out here, and we need to see ‘Made in America’ again.”

“Mike Crapo and his policies took us from a record surplus to a record deficit in eight short years. If you are happy with the economy, vote for Mike Crapo. I have a different vision and a different plan beginning with tax cuts for small businesses,” said Sullivan.

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