

## **Lungren Expresses Outrage Over Democratic Attempts to Censor Constituent Communications**

Washington – Today, Rep. Dan Lungren, R-Calif, the Ranking Republican on the Committee on House Administration and member of the House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards (Franking Commission), made the following statement during a press conference on the Majority's recent attempts to censor GOP constituent communications on pending health care legislation:

“A number of members on the Republican side who have simply requested that they be allowed to use a chart to communicate with their constituents in their official mail have thus far been denied by the Democratic Majority. What they've said is that they disagree with some parts of it, and therefore Republicans are not able to use this in any frank mail, nor are Republicans able to enlarge it; or pay the expense in their district offices to use it at any of their public town hall meetings. This is the first time in my memory, we have a Majority in the House of Representatives trying to impede the Minority's ability merely to speak, as we see it, the truth on an issue that is before the Congress.

“Does the Majority here believe that controlling the Rules committee which sets the rules, controlling the debate, controlling the rules that come on the floor is not enough? Now they are telling us that they are going to interfere with our ability to communicate with our constituents because they happen to disagree with our interpretation of the facts.

“I thought politics was about the contest of ideas. This is something I've never seen before. We now are being told that our words are going to be censored by the Majority because they disagree with us. It goes against what we are supposed to be doing here – debating important issues and communicating with the American people the serious matters facing their Congress.”