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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Tonight, Congressman Charlie Melancon (LA-03) made the following statement following President Barack Obama's address to Congress on health care reform.

"Louisiana needs a bipartisan solution that will lower health care costs for families, seniors, and businesses.

"And we need reform that protects individual choice and maintains competition within the marketplace, so every person can get the quality treatment they need, when they need it, and from the doctor they choose.

"Finally, health care reform must strengthen the doctor-patient relationship by curbing the ability of insurance company bureaucrats to make medical decisions.

"There is a lot of common ground in this discussion, and we should build on that foundation. Both Democrats and Republicans agree that we can start by cutting the waste in the current health care system, and find savings that will bring down costs for everyone. That is a good beginning."

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