

Washington, D.C. – “Senator John McCain’s disingenuous act of forcibly inserting himself into the financial rescue package negotiations is futile, unsolicited and politically self-serving. Through his own self-admission and pro-deregulation policies, John McCain has shown that he has neither the economic knowhow nor the fiscal intellect to progressively move our nation’s economic agenda forward.

“Just last week Senator McCain erroneously claimed that our economy was strong and robust. He was also a proponent of the same deregulation policies that have destabilized our markets and damaged our housing industry. Such misplaced beliefs and inaccurate ideologies are out of touch and unwelcomed.

“Senator McCain should participate in Friday’s debate and openly share his economic ideologies with the American people instead of concealing them in closed negotiations.”

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