

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today responded to a statement made by President Barack Obama accusing critics of a proposed government take over of the health care system of lying.

In a speech yesterday at an AFL-CIO picnic, President Obama stated:

"I've got a question for all these folks who say, you know, we're going to pull the plug on Grandma and this is all about illegal immigrants -- you've heard all the lies. I've got a question for all those folks: What are you going to do? What's your answer? What's your solution? And you know what? They don't have one."

King's response follows:

"With the political winds blowing against him, President Obama is now resorting to calling those who oppose his health care plan liars. This rhetorical device cannot hide the simple fact that more and more Americans are opposing Obamacare each day.

"Republicans have put forward many solutions for health care reform. These ideas have included full deductibility of medical expenses for all Americans, medical lawsuit abuse reform, an increase in Health Savings Account contribution amounts, giving consumers the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines and allowing small businesses to band together to negotiate lower costs for themselves and their employees through Association Health Plans. These are real solutions, not lies, that will protect the relationship between patients and doctors and improve the quality of health care in America without massive spending or tax hikes.

“It is unseemly for a President of the United States to declare that truth-tellers are liars, especially when he relentlessly repeats the colossal untruth that everyone in America who likes their health insurance policy and doctor will be able to keep them under his plan. The President has to know it is dishonest to tell the American people they will be able to keep their policy. Under the President’s plan, a bureaucrat will decide if an individual’s policy will qualify, and then the employer will decide if he can afford the higher premiums. In many cases, there will not even be a qualified policy for the individual to decide to keep. Yes, we’ve heard all the lies Mr. President.”