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ICYMI: Donalds Joins The Evening Edit

WASHINGTON – Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) joined *The Evening Edit* on Fox Business Network to discuss Day 8 of Senator Chuck Schumer's government shutdown and the failures of ObamaCare.

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"The Democrats just want more subsidies and now they are holding the government hostage because of it":

"My response is simple. ObamaCare was always designed to create single-payer healthcare. That's what Jan Schakowsky said when she was caught on a hot mic in the town hall 15 years ago. That's what conservatives were telling the American people 15 years ago about why we did not support ObamaCare because the entire time it was going to be government run healthcare. That's what they wanted and so now you have a situation where they are, the Democrats, are holding the government hostage because they want us to continue to subsidize their terrible healthcare policy which has not worked. It's not affordable. Premiums have doubled since it's been created. Deductibles have more than doubled since it's been created. People are not getting the healthcare that they need and furthermore the way they did this, they wanted young people to go into these pools but the young people are like, I'm not paying these outrageous premiums just to say that I have a healthcare policy. They would rather go to urgent care or find some other means to take care of their healthcare that they think is right, the best way they can. This program has never worked. It's always been more expensive. The Democrats just want more subsidies and now they are holding the government hostage because of it."

"You have three Senate Democrats who are voting with Republicans to keep the government open but the Democrats are holding the government hostage so they can try to get some political win":

"That's absolutely correct but again, I'll tell you this is the way it was designed and I'll give you another matter. Like you said at the top, if the Democrats were so concerned about this when Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer were running Congress they could have made them permanent. They chose not to and the reason they didn't make it permanent is because they wanted to wield it as a political weapon against the American people and against the federal government. This is all by design, which is why House Republicans, we did our job, we funded the government. You have three Senate Democrats who are voting with Republicans to keep the government open but the Democrats are holding the government hostage so they can try to get some political win when their entire agenda has been nothing but failure because when they were in complete control of Washington, everything was going wrong. The American people see through it. House Republicans are going to stay firm, we've done our job."

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