



Media Advisory

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Alliance Activist Issues Warning at Wednesday Event: Paul Ryan Budget Cuts Medicare

Retiree: Ryan’s House Republican Budget is neither New nor Improved

WASHINGTON, DC – House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan unveiled a Republican budget on Tuesday that once again proposes privatizing Medicare and turning it into a voucher system, while lowering tax rates on the wealthy and corporations..

Diane Fleming, a member of the Alliance for Retired Americans, is speaking on behalf of retirees at an event today with the House Progressive Caucus. She will spell out what the Ryan budget would mean for seniors.

“Moving to a voucher system for Medicare, as the Ryan plan outlines, is just a way of cutting Medicare. It shifts health care costs onto retirees, most of whom absolutely cannot afford it and wouldn’t get the health care they need,” said Ms. Fleming. “The average Medicare beneficiary’s income is only \$22,000 a year.”

“The Ryan budget clearly chooses tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations over health care for millions of working families. That’s not a concept I support and it’s not one most Americans support,” Ms. Fleming added.

What: Response to Paul Ryan Republican House Budget

Who: Members of the House Progressive Caucus
Diane Fleming, Alliance for Retired Americans

Where: Cannon House Office Building
Room 207

When: Wednesday, March 13 at noon

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