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**REID: REPUBLICAN PLAN TO END MEDICARE, HIKE DRUG PRICES
FOR SENIORS TO PAY FOR TAX BREAKS FOR MILLIONAIRES
WILL NEVER PASS THE SENATE**

Washington, D.C. Nevada Senator Harry Reid released the following statement after House Republicans voted to approve their budget this afternoon:

“The Republican plan to end Medicare and immediately raise prescription drug costs for seniors in order to pay for millionaire tax breaks will never pass the Senate. The fact that it passed the House shows just how far to the right the Tea Party has dragged the Republican Party.

In addition to ending Medicare and doubling seniors’ health care costs down the road, the Republican plan would also destroy nearly 2 million American jobs and undermine our economic growth. Republicans’ plan would only benefit the wealthiest Americans, who would get another round of tax breaks they don’t need and that our economy can’t afford.

In contrast to Republicans’ plan to end Medicare, Democrats support a responsible approach to reducing the deficit that doesn’t simply shift the burden onto seniors and the middle class, who did nothing to put us in the fiscal hole we are in today. As the President outlined this week, we can reduce the deficit by as much as \$4 trillion by making targeted cuts in federal spending that protect seniors’ hard-earned benefits, and by asking millionaires and billionaires to contribute their fair share.”

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