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## **Statement by Former Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici and Former White House Budget Director Alice Rivlin on the Wyden-Ryan Medicare Proposal**

*Washington, D.C.* – The following is a statement by former Senator Pete Domenici and Dr. Alice Rivlin, Co-Chairs of the Bipartisan Policy Center's [Debt Reduction Task Force](http://bipartisanpolicy.org/projects/debt-reduction-task-force/initiative/about) (<http://bipartisanpolicy.org/projects/debt-reduction-task-force/initiative/about>), about Senator Ron Wyden's and House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan's new Medicare proposal:

"Senator Wyden and Chairman Ryan's release of a bipartisan and bicameral Medicare reform proposal is a welcome contribution to our nation's debt debate. It is simply not possible to put our country on solid fiscal footing without constraining health care cost growth.

"In November 2010, the Debt Reduction Task Force of the Bipartisan Policy Center released a comprehensive plan for addressing our nation's debt. The Task Force's plan recommends comprehensive entitlement reforms that will reduce spending while maintaining our commitments and broad tax reform that will increase revenue while promoting growth. The Medicare reforms included in the Wyden-Ryan proposal appear to be consistent with many of the Medicare reform ideas proposed in the Task Force's comprehensive plan. The Bipartisan Policy Center believes these and/or other health care reforms should be considered in the context of a broader entitlement and tax reform. We welcome the bipartisan leadership of Senator Wyden and Chairman Ryan."

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