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Representative Ryan Puts New Spin on Recycled Plan to Privatize, Eliminate Medicare As We Know It – With Help From Senator Wyden

Why Would Wyden Want to Join Ryan in Picking the Pockets of Seniors and Calling It a 'Big Idea'?

Washington, DC – [Health Care for America Now](http://www.healthcareforamericanow.org) (www.healthcareforamericanow.org) (HCAN), the nation's leading grassroots health care advocacy organization, released the following statement from **HCAN Executive Director Ethan Rome** in response to yet another plan from Rep. Paul Ryan to eliminate Medicare as we know it:

“This is just another attempt to eliminate Medicare as we know it. It's a purely political proposal, and it's just another version of the Ryan Republican plan to do away with Medicare and bankrupt seniors, but this time it's got one Democrat on board. Ron Wyden's support doesn't make it bipartisan, and it doesn't change the fact that this plan is about turning over the Medicare Trust Fund to Wall Street and the health insurance companies and replacing guaranteed benefits with vouchers.

“Every Republican plan to ‘reform’ Medicare or Medicaid is just another way to shift health costs to seniors who cannot afford to pay more. **I just don't understand why Senator Wyden would want to join Paul Ryan in picking the pockets of America's seniors and calling it a big idea.**”

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