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Stark: Wyden-Ryan Plan Ends Medicare's Guarantee

Washington -- Today, Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA), Ranking Member on the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, issued the following statement in response to a plan put forth by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) to end Medicare and turn it into a voucher program.

Rep. Stark: Rep. Stark: "Some are calling the Wyden-Ryan plan a "stark contrast" to Ryan's ultra-conservative plan to end Medicare issued earlier this year. Here's the real stark contrast: Despite Wyden's claims otherwise, the Wyden-Ryan plan ends Medicare as we know it, plain and simple. If these two get their way, senior citizens' health coverage will depend on what big insurance offers and what seniors -- most of them on modest, fixed incomes -- can afford. That combination will jeopardize health and economic security for seniors."