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HCAN on Ryan Budget 2.0: A Second-Rate Vision for a First-Rate Country

Washington, DC – Here is a statement from [Health Care for America Now](http://HealthCareForAmericaNow.org) (HCAN) Executive Director Ethan Rome on the Republicans' budget proposal released today by House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan:

“The Republican budget makes savage cuts to programs like Medicaid and ends Medicare as we know it to give massive tax breaks to the super-rich. Their budget would repeal the Affordable Care Act, tear down the safety net and shift massive costs to the states. The GOP tax cut plan is an act of aggression against America’s middle-class families.

“The Republican budget makes a mockery of shared responsibility. There is only shared pain for low income and working families in the form of cuts to essential services while the 1% are let off the hook.

“The Republicans go back on their word and throw out the bipartisan compromise that resolved the debt-ceiling emergency last summer. They would shield war profiteers from \$500 billion in agreed upon defense cuts and instead gouge domestic programs that middle-class families depend on. Paul Ryan, House Speaker John Boehner and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor voted last year for the plan they reject today.

“The message from Republicans is that America is doomed unless we abandon the American Dream. The Republicans are offering a second-rate vision for a first-rate country.”

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Health Care for America Now is the nation’s leading grassroots health care advocacy organization. HCAN led the fight to win passage of health reform and to keep Congress from being steamrolled by corporate special interests.