

SCHWARTZ STATEMENT ON REPUBLICAN FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz, Vice Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, issued the following statement today regarding the Republican budget proposal.

“The federal budget is a statement of our priorities and values as a nation. It is clear from the House Republican budget unveiled today that there is enormous contrast between Democrats and Republicans when it comes to protecting American seniors and the middle class.

“The Republican budget proposal ends Medicare as we know it, raises taxes on middle class families, and does nothing to create jobs or invest in our long-term economic recovery. Republicans are telling seniors they are on their own to find insurance - meaning higher premiums for less coverage; discrimination based on age, illness, or income; and more uncertainty if serious illness or need for long-term care occurs. This doesn’t reduce costs – it just shifts the financial burden onto our seniors and their families. Risking the health security of our seniors is the absolute wrong approach.

“We have a responsibility to reduce our nation’s deficit and ensure America can compete in a 21st century global economy. Doing so means taking a balanced approach: strategic spending cuts, smart tax policy reform, and forward-looking investments. We cannot fix our budget problems by failing to meet our obligations to our seniors, our children, or our future.

“The Republican budget proposal is a blatant attack on our seniors, middle class families, and our ability to compete in a global marketplace. We need to work together to find a balanced approach to tackling deficit reduction and putting more Americans back to work.”