



President
Barbara J. Easterling

Secretary-Treasurer
Ruben Burks

April 14, 2011

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the four million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans, we strongly urge you to vote against the Ryan Budget for fiscal year 2012. This budget plan would fast-track cuts to Social Security, gut Medicaid and turn Medicare over to the private insurance industry – all while giving tax breaks to wealthy corporations.

Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid have worked to keep America's seniors healthy and out of poverty. Social Security has been the bedrock of income security for nearly all Americans, providing guaranteed benefits to retirees, those with disabilities, and the survivors of retired and deceased workers. Likewise, Medicare and Medicaid has helped our nation deliver the promise of well-being and improved quality of life for millions of Americans.

While Congressman Ryan claims these spending cuts are necessary in order to reduce the deficit, the fact is that the \$4.3 trillion in spending cuts are offset by \$4.2 trillion in tax breaks for millionaires, leaving only \$155 billion for deficit reduction over 10 years. Cutting benefits vital to the health and well-being of so many Americans to finance tax breaks for the wealthy is irresponsible and immoral.

The Ryan budget would radically undermine the economic security of America's middle class. This is your opportunity to stand up for Americans of all ages by voting against the Ryan Budget. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Fiesta or Eva Dominguez at the Alliance Department of Government and Political Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Easterling".

Barbara J. Easterling
President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruben Burks".

Ruben Burks
Secretary-Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Coyle".

Edward F. Coyle
Executive Director