



# REP. LUNGREN VOTED TO CUT SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

Voted for Ryan Act, which would have replaced Medicare with useless coupons and forced seniors to find and buy their own health insurance

Voted to cut Social Security twice this year

Voted for deep benefit cuts while giving a huge tax cut to the rich

Voted to cut the Social Security Administration, hurting service delivery to millions of elderly and disabled beneficiaries

In 2005 Lungren voted and campaigned for Bush's failed scheme to privatize Social Security

Voted for a bill that could cut your Social Security benefits by up to one-third by 2016 — a \$5,700 a year benefit cut for the average earner.

Voted YES on H.R. 2560, the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act, July 19, 2011; <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll606.xml>

Voted to give a huge tax cut of \$1.1 TRILLION to the richest Americans.

Voted YES on H.Con.Res. 34, the House Budget Resolution, April 15, 2011; <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll277.xml>

Voted to cut the Social Security Administration by \$1.7 billion in 2011, forcing the agency to furlough workers, reduce office hours, and increase customer waiting time.

Voted YES on H.R. 1, Feb. 19, 2011; <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2011/roll147.xml>

Voted to replace Medicare with a useless coupon that would guarantee that seniors could not find affordable private insurance

He promises that no one over 55 will lose Social Security or Medicare--- But what about seniors who have been paying into the system for decades?

He voted repeatedly against allowing Medicare recipients to obtain free preventive care, and to allow their children to stay on their insurance plans to age 27

**Tell Dan Lungren to keep his hands off our Social Security and Medicare!**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Dan Lungren is having a town hall meeting in Galt:

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Littleton Community Center

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## Explanation of Votes in Congress

**The Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011 (H.R. 2560)** was a proposal to control federal spending by making across-the-board cuts for the next decade. It was approved 234 to 190 on July 19, 2011 (Roll Call Vote 606). Specifically, the bill would have:

- **Made the debt limit increase contingent on Congress passing a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA), which would make extremely deep cuts to Social Security.** The BBA would reduce federal spending as a share of the economy to 18 percent by 2021, down from the current 24 percent. If the BBA took effect in 2016, and the spending cuts were distributed evenly across the government, Social Security would be cut \$1.8 trillion from 2016 to 2020—a one-third cut. That would mean that the Social Security benefit for the average earner retiring at age 65 in 2016, \$17,632, would be cut by \$5,766, a 32.7 percent reduction.<sup>1</sup>
- **Prohibited any spending from the Social Security Trust Fund, which currently has a surplus of \$2.7 trillion that is expected to rise to \$3.7 trillion by 2022.** This is because the BBA would prohibit federal spending from exceeding revenue in each year, making the disbursement of funds collected in the past nearly impossible.<sup>2</sup>

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**The House Republican Budget Resolution (H.Con.Res. 34)** was a proposal to set forth the congressional budget for the federal government for Fiscal Year 2012, including the appropriate budgetary levels for FY2013- FY2021. It was approved 235 to 193 on April 15, 2011 (Roll Call Vote 277). It would have drastically restructured the Medicare and Medicaid programs while implementing a “fast track” procedure for cutting Social Security benefits.

**Included in this bill was a \$1.1 trillion tax cut to the richest Americans and a cut in the individual and corporate tax rates from 35 percent to 25 percent.** The Republican budget extended all of President Bush’s tax cuts, which would cut taxes by \$700 billion over 10 years for the richest 2 percent of Americans. It also would cut taxes by \$371.4 billion for the richest Americans by repealing the surtax on investment income and the additional Hospital Insurance tax contained in the Affordable Care Act.<sup>3</sup> The Republican budget also would have cut the top marginal tax rate for individuals from 35 percent to 25 percent and reduced the corporate tax rate by the same amount. (No estimates are available about how much more that would save individuals and corporations in taxes.)<sup>4</sup>

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**H.R. 1** was a House Republican proposal to fund the government through the end of Fiscal Year 2011.<sup>5</sup> It was approved 239 to 189 on February 19, 2011 (Roll Call Vote 147).

**Among its \$61 billion in cuts from President Obama’s budget was a \$1.7 billion cut to the Social Security Administration (SSA) below the level needed to provide promised service levels and to fund current projects.**<sup>6</sup> It was estimated that H.R. 1 would have the following effects: SSA would have had to furlough its workers for up to one month by the end of 2011; up to 400,000 people would have had their retirement, survivors, and Medicare applications significantly delayed, becoming part of a large and growing backlog; and up to 290,000 people would have had their disability benefit applications delayed.

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<sup>1</sup>Rebecca Theiss, Economic Policy Institute, “Unbalanced Budgeting: Federal Spending Cap May Endanger Social Security,” June 22, 2011. [http://www.epi.org/page/-/EPI\\_PolicyMemorandum\\_186.pdf?nocdn=1](http://www.epi.org/page/-/EPI_PolicyMemorandum_186.pdf?nocdn=1). These calculations are based on the BBA in S.J. Res. 10, introduced March 31, 2011, which is one example of a BBA that is acceptable by the standards of the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act. Social Security benefit from Social Security Administration, Statistical Supplement to the 2011 Trustees Report, Table VI.F10. <http://www.ssa.gov/oact/tr/2011/r6f10.html>.

<sup>2</sup>Robert Greenstein and Richard Kogan, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, “A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment Threatens Great Economic Damage,” July 27, 2011. <http://www.cbpp.org/files/6-6-11bud2-rev7-26-11.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>Center on Budget & Policy Priorities, “Statement of Robert Greenstein, President, on Chairman Ryan’s Budget Plan,” April 20, 2011, available at <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/index.cfm?fa=view&id=3452>; Tax Policy Center, “Reduce Corporate Income Tax Rate and Repeal Various Income Tax and Payroll Tax Provisions: Impact on Tax Revenue vs. Current Policy Baseline, 2012-2021,” April 7, 2011, available at <http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/numbers/Content/PDF/T11-0088.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup>Paul Ryan, “Advancing Social Security Reforms,” in Path to Prosperity, April 2011, p. 6. Available at <http://budget.house.gov/UploadedFiles/PathToProsperityFY2012.pdf>

<sup>5</sup>H.R. 1 available at [http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF/112\\_1/legislativetext/2011crapprops/AppropCRFinal\\_xml.pdf](http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF/112_1/legislativetext/2011crapprops/AppropCRFinal_xml.pdf)

<sup>6</sup>House Ways and Means Committee Democratic Staff, “Ways and Means Democrats Blast Republican Plan to Shut Down Social Security Administration,” February 15, 2011. Available at <http://democrats.waysandmeans.house.gov/press/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID=11465>