

Remarks of the Honorable Doris O. Matsui  
**Seniors Task Force**  
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Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republican budget plan introduced today.

The federal budget *should* reflect the priorities and values of our nation, but the Republican plan looks out only for the interests of Big Oil and corporations, who would get enormous subsidies and tax breaks.

What's more, the Republicans are asking America's *seniors* to pay for it!

In fact, the Republican budget would end Medicare as we know it. It would annihilate Medicaid. And it would put into motion cuts to Social Security almost immediately.

This may be a "new" plan, but these are not "new" ideas. Cutting benefits for America's seniors does not eliminate the deficit and it does not create jobs. It only hurts America's seniors, and we will fight to make sure this budget never becomes law.