



Dear Friends,

The main points of the Republican plan to end Medicare have been known for months: slash benefits while making seniors pay more to get the coverage they were promised. Recently, however, we've learned the details of just what this means for New Yorkers.

In my Congressional district alone, the Republican plan to end Medicare would:

- **Increase the out-of-pocket cost of health coverage by over \$6,000 per year** in 10 years, and by nearly \$12,000 per year in 20 years – hitting 103,000 of my constituents with significantly higher medical bills;
- **Deny 520,000 people aged 54 and younger access to Medicare's guaranteed benefits.** Instead, these individuals would receive vouchers which are designed not to keep pace with medical costs, shifting thousands of dollars in costs onto individual seniors;
- **Increase prescription drug costs for 7,400 Medicare beneficiaries** who fall into the "donut hole;"
- **Eliminate new preventative care benefits for 99,000 Medicare recipients** – benefits which were guaranteed by the health reform bill passed last year. ([Read more](#))

This all-out assault on seniors comes as the Republican-controlled House fights to protect subsidies for oil companies and tax breaks for the wealthiest. This is truly the most radical political agenda we have seen in decades, and I will continue to fight it as your representative in Congress.

### No War in Libya



*Rep. Nadler speaks on the House floor in support of a resolution to end U.S. military involvement in Libya. [Watch the video.](#)*

Recently, I took to the House floor to oppose the U.S. military operation in Libya. We cannot allow the president – not just this president, but any president – to have the unchecked power to commit our nation to war. This is why the Constitution requires the use of military force to be authorized by Congress. Obtaining this authorization from Congress before a sustained military campaign is a crucial part of our constitutional system of checks and balances and, as the senior Democrat on the Constitution Subcommittee, I take the issue very seriously.

Furthermore, at a time when we are already mired in a full-scale war in Afghanistan, and not yet removed from Iraq, we should not be rushing headlong into a third conflict. Since even the Secretary of Defense has said that Libya poses no direct threat to our security, we must commit ourselves to ending the current wars instead of starting another. While the resolution to withdraw U.S. forces did not pass the Republican-controlled House, I will continue working hard to end the war and to

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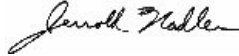
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bring our troops home.

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