WEST HARTFORD – Congressman John Larson (CT-01) held a town hall this afternoon at the West Hartford Senior Center on the 2012 Republican budget that threatens to end Medicare as it currently exists.

“The Republican plan balances the budget on the backs of seniors, students and the less fortunate,” Congressman Larson said. “The question we need to ask as a country is simple: do we stand with seniors who’ve spent their entire lives paying into Medicare and Social Security or do we stand with Republicans who’d rather provide more tax breaks to millionaires and companies that ship jobs overseas? Americans all agree that we need to cut the deficit, but we also expect a shared sacrifice to get us there. Under the Republican plan there is nothing fair and nothing shared.”

The Republican Budget, which was passed over unanimous Democratic opposition last month, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security would all see major changes - with seniors and working families seeing higher costs and less service while billionaires and corporations get even deeper tax breaks.

Recently over 470 national groups include AARP, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, National Council on Aging and Leadership Council of Aging Organizations have opposed the Republican budget plan.

Throughout the hour-long discussion Congressman Larson took questions from the large crowd of seniors in attendance.

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