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Ruppertsberger Fights for Better Healthcare Coverage for Seniors

Ruppertsberger Meets with Seniors at Mercy Ridge

(Washington, DC) – **Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-MD)** is fighting for better healthcare coverage for seniors. He spoke to seniors at the Mercy Ridge Retirement Community in Timonium on June 25, 2007. The Congressman supports the goals of LifeSpan’s Honor the Promise Campaign to provide seniors flexible living arrangements, expand the workforce that cares for seniors, and make the government agencies that administer programs for seniors more efficient and user-friendly

“America’s seniors deserve affordable, high quality, and accessible healthcare. Seniors have worked their jobs, paid their taxes, and raised their families. They deserve to enjoy their golden years happy and healthy. I am working hard on Capitol Hill to overhaul the prescription drug benefit available through Medicare so it actually lowers the cost of medicines for seniors,” said **Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-MD)**.

Right now the prescription drug plan known as “Medicare Part D” prohibits the government from negotiating for lower prices for seniors and creates a costly gap in coverage. Congressman Ruppertsberger is working to create a plan that actually lowers medicine costs. He supported H.R. 4, the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007. The measure that repeals this ban passed the House of Representatives on January 12, 2007. The bill is awaiting action in the Senate.

LifeSpan represents more than 300 member organizations and 45,000 seniors throughout Maryland the Metropolitan DC area. Lifespan hopes to increase the lifespan of senior citizens by improving America’s healthcare system.

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