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Dear Mr. Oconnell,

Thank you for expressing your views regarding the Republican Fiscal Year 2012 budget. It is important for me to have the benefit of your views, and I appreciate you taking the time to contact me.

I share many Long Islanders' concern over the unsustainable growth of our nation's budget deficits and the ballooning national debt. Unfortunately, the Republican FY 2012 budget attempts to address our fiscal problems at the expense of seniors, the middle class, and American competitiveness.

Misplaced priorities and failed economic policies over the past decade eviscerated budget surpluses and contributed to the recent economic collapse. Now, these same policies are being espoused as the guide to balancing the budget. For these reasons, I voted against the Republican budget.

The Republican plan would replace traditional Medicare with a voucher program to partially cover the cost of a private insurance plan. The voucher's value would be pegged to inflation and its purchasing power would deteriorate over time, as medical costs increase at a faster rate than overall Consumer Price Index, damaging seniors' ability to afford their medical bills.

The Republican budget also protects tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas, slashes support for education, and reduces investment in our crumbling infrastructure. This plan also cuts funding for scientific and medical research, important social and environmental programs, and drastically reduces resources for new energy production.

As debate on the federal budget continues, I continue to fight to promote job growth in Suffolk County, increase economic prosperity across Long Island, protect our environment and natural resources and ensure our national security objectives are met.

Thank you again for sharing your views. I encourage you to visit my website at <http://www.house.gov/timbishop> for more information and to find out about other important issues that I am working on in Congress. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tim Bishop
Member of Congress