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Romney in RI

Providence, R.I. — Ahead of Mitt Romney’s Newport fundraiser, Rhode Island Democratic Party Chairman Ed Pacheco released the following statement:

“Mitt Romney is coming to Rhode Island today to fill his campaign coffers, but while he’s here he should explain to Rhode Island voters why he supports the Republican ‘Cut, Cap and Balance’ plan that would end Medicare as we know it and double out-of-pocket costs to future beneficiaries, while protecting tax cuts for Big Oil and the super wealthy. The ‘Cut, Cap and Balance’ plan is essentially the controversial Ryan Budget plan on steroids. It ducks financial responsibility, dodges our obligations and will eventually dismantle the social safety net, including Social Security and Medicare.

“While Romney is in Rhode Island today, he owes voters here an explanation of why he thinks the wealthy deserve tax cuts that are paid for in part by making Medicare beneficiaries pay more out of pocket for the care they deserve. With an out-of-touch platform like that, Mitt Romney won’t find many allies for his right wing policies here in Rhode Island, where folks value common sense over partisan ideology.

“Mitt Romney and the rest of the GOP field are trying to cater to the extreme right wing of the Republican Party, while President Obama and the members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation are working tirelessly in Washington to protect the middle class and put America and the Ocean State on firm economic footing.”