Washington, DC -- With retirement savings plummeting and seniors losing a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment for the first time in decades, the U.S. Senate this week voted to slash $400 billion from Medicare. Our country is facing the worse economy since the Great Depression, yet this Congress is moving full speed ahead to strip hundreds of billions of dollars from the Medicare program. We should be helping, not hurting, our seniors. This is yet another example of why Washington is broken and out of touch with the people that it serves.

Medicare cuts stay in health care bill

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WASHINGTON – The Senate has voted to keep significant Medicare cuts in its health care overhaul bill despite polls showing seniors are concerned about their benefits.

Senators voted 58-42 to reject an amendment by Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona that would have stripped more than $400 billion in Medicare cuts from the health care bill. The measure would have sent the bill back to the Senate Finance Committee for a redo.