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CONGRESSMAN DAVIS DEMANDS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR SENIORS 'NOW'

WASHINGTON – *Congressman Artur Davis cast his support today behind the Medicare Rx Now Act of 2003, a moderate, affordable add-on prescription drug benefit for seniors offered through the Medicare program.*

“As many of you know, the plight of our seniors in this country is one that has been lamented for many years. And we have continued to talk about the idea of some form of prescription drug plan during that time. The fact that we are willing to engage the conversation says that we can actually admit that there is a need to do something. The fact that we are offering this piece of legislation today says that we are willing to actually do something.

“This bill, the Medicare Rx Now Act of 2003, goes a long way towards filling the gap in medical treatment that so many of our seniors in this country need. It includes the best options from the plans offered on both sides of the aisle and can provide immediate benefit once enacted.

“The plan offers a substantial benefit that fits within current economic forecasts and provides convenience by letting seniors stay in their existing programs with no premium attached.

“It is often said, and I say here again, that it is time that we stop talking about providing a prescription drug plan for seniors and that we actually begin to offer one. I commend my colleagues for seeing the benefit of this plan and for introducing it on the floor today. I would ask that those who have not yet signed onto the plan thus far to get on board as soon as possible.

“This is the plan that will offer the best; most immediate prescription drug benefit to our seniors and the time to implement it is now.”

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