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Hensarling Statement on Medicare ‘Trigger’ Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX), Chairman of the [Republican Study Committee](#), issued the following statement on legislation expected to be introduced later today by Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) as required by the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act:

“In 2003, my Republican Study Committee colleagues and I worked to add a little-known provision into the Medicare Modernization Act that required the Medicare trustees to issue a funding warning should Medicare expenditure projections grow to levels that took away from other important national priorities. The warning has now been issued and this corresponding legislation will help preserve the Medicare system by slowing its growth and empowering concerned Americans to demand comprehensive entitlement reform.

“Medicare must be reformed in order to preserve benefits for over 200 million Americans under age 54. The trustees warn that Medicare faces collective unfunded obligations of more than \$74 trillion—more than six times the current size of the American economy. Families across America are clamoring for change and yearn for leaders who will not only speak the truth about the problems facing our nation, but work to provide solutions to them. I hope that Democrats will use this opportunity to do just that by working with Republicans to enact comprehensive entitlement reform.”

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