



U.S. Congressman
James E. Clyburn
Sixth District, South Carolina



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Congressmen James E. Clyburn and John Spratt to Host Town Meeting on the Potential Prescription Drug Plan

Fifth District Congressman John Spratt and Sixth District Congressman James E. Clyburn will host a joint town meeting on Saturday, July 19 in Sumter, South Carolina to discuss the prescription drug program currently being debated in Congress. This event is part of National Day of Prescription Drug Town Hall Meetings being held across the country by Democratic Members of Congress. Both Congressmen serve in the House Democratic Leadership.

“I am concerned that the House passed proposal could leave seniors, especially those living in rural areas, without any prescription drug coverage and fail to lower drug prices,” Congressman Clyburn said.

“Medicare is intended to be comprehensive coverage,” Congressman Spratt said. “Like most major medical policies, it covers inpatient and outpatient care, psychiatric care, home health care, physical therapy, and diabetic self-management, among many other things. But it does not cover prescription drugs for outpatients, and the absence of any prescription coverage remains a huge hole in the Medicare program.”

Congressmen Spratt and Clyburn will explain how Democrats are fighting for what they promised all seniors – a prescription drug benefit that is voluntary, guaranteed, available to all and provided as part of the Medicare program.

WHO: House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair, Congressman James E. Clyburn (SC-6)
House Democratic Caucus Assistant to the Leader, Congressman John Spratt (SC-5)

WHAT: Town Hall Meeting Potential Prescription Drug Plan

WHERE: USC Sumter
Schwartz Building, Room 127
200 Miller Road
Sumter, South Carolina

WHEN: Saturday, July 19, 2003
2:00-4:00 p.m.

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