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MEDIA ADVISORY: PROGRESSIVE MARYLAND TO MARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUSH 2001 TAX CUTS

As nation's economic crisis continues, some in Congress would continue tax cuts for millionaires while ending Medicare as we know it and endangering our country's safety net

Woodlawn, Maryland – Progressive Maryland on Tuesday will mark the tenth anniversary of the day George W. Bush signed into law a \$1.35 trillion tax cut that primarily benefited the wealthiest Americans while leaving our country with massive debt.

Progressive Maryland will hold a 'Speak Out' event at The Social Security Administration in Baltimore at 12 Noon on June 7th. Community advocates and every day Marylanders will speak out about the detrimental effects of tax cuts for the wealthy.

Tuesday's event is one of dozens taking place around the country as supporters of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security protest efforts to cut essential services while giving trillions of dollars in additional tax cuts, exemptions and loopholes to the super-rich and to corporations.

"Enough is enough," said Executive Director Rion Dennis. "Our economy is in tatters and the middle class is disappearing. Yet some in Congress are at it again. They want to give even larger tax cuts to corporations and the super-rich while slashing essential services, environmental protections and attacking public employees."

Progressive Maryland supports the Taxation in Fairness Act, sponsored by Rep. Jan Schakowsky, an Illinois Democrat. The bill would create new tax brackets for millionaires and billionaires and help working Americans and middle-class families cope with the ongoing economic crisis.

"We demand a tax system where we all pay our fair share," Rion Dennis said. "We demand an end to tax loopholes for corporations. We demand an end to the Bush tax cuts for the super-rich. This is the only way to pay for the vital services that protect our families and the environment."

What: Speak Out on the 10th Anniversary of the Bush Tax Cuts
When: June 7, 2010 – 12pm
Where: 6401 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21235