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## **Doherty to Tea Party: I support Paul Ryan**

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**Providence, RI** – Republican congressional candidate Brendan Doherty put out a press release Monday attempting to soften his previous statements in which he clearly expressed support for Congressman Paul Ryan, chairman of the House Budget Committee, and his radical agenda to cut Medicare benefits.

“Paul Ryan may not be a household name to everyone in Rhode Island, but if you’re a senior citizen who relies on Medicare, you should know who he is and what he stands for, because these are the types of Republicans Brendan will be standing with and voting with if elected to Congress,” said Bill Fischer, spokesperson for the RI Democratic Party.

“Mr. Doherty’s statements on Monday supporting Medicare are simply not credible after he clearly supported Congressman Ryan at a tea party gathering in May,” Fischer said.

Doherty spoke before the East Bay Patriots, a Tea Party organization, on May 3 and had this to say about Ryan and his extreme budgets:

***“I had a great opportunity to meet with Paul Ryan about a month ago and that's his position and he's digging his feet in and I applaud him for that and I support him.”***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykxyb5lffYY&feature=youtu.be>

“Doherty continues to brand himself as a bipartisan candidate in this race and his attempts become less credible each day,” Fischer said. “But make no mistake, Mr. Doherty supports Congressman Ryan, he supports Speaker Boehner and he’ll be voting against the needs of Rhode Island’s senior citizens and middle class if elected to Congress. Furthermore, Mr. Doherty has gladly accepted \$5,000 in campaign contributions from Mr. Ryan’s Prosperity PAC, further proof that Rhode Island’s seniors can not trust Brendan Doherty to protect Medicare.”