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Romney Goes All In on Leaving the Middle Class Out

Providence, RI – The Rhode Island Democratic Party released the following statement this morning in response to the news that Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has chosen Representative Paul Ryan as his vice presidential running mate.

“Governor Romney’s selection of Paul Ryan demonstrates the Republicans are doubling down on leaving the middle class and struggling Americans out in the cold,” said Democratic Party Chairman Ed Pacheco. “Ryan, the architect of the radical Republican Budget in the House, shares Romney’s commitment to tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires, slashes to education, and sweeping alterations to Medicare as we know it. The Romney Ryan ticket should be dubbed the Farewell Tour; say goodbye to Medicare as we know it, goodbye to Head Start and Pell Grants, and goodbye to security for our seniors.”

The Romney/Ryan Farewell Tour gets a stamp of approval right here in the Ocean State from Republican Senate candidate Barry Hinckley and congressional candidates Michael Riley and Brendan Doherty. Hinckley said he would have voted for the radical Ryan budget, Riley said the Republican he most identifies with is Ryan and he voiced support for the budget plan. Ryan’s biggest Rhode Island cheerleader, however, is Doherty.

“Brendan Doherty has touted the support his campaign has received from Ryan, and you can be assured he will support the Romney/Ryan agenda in Washington. Doherty stands with Ryan and Romney on extending tax cuts to millionaires and he’ll support their agenda to reduce the safety net for our seniors,” added Pacheco.

“Paul Ryan’s policies will not benefit the middle class or our seniors and Rhode Island will not be well served by a Romney/Ryan ticket or by a Hinckley, Riley and Doherty in Congress.”