

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This Thursday, March 10, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, the House Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group will host a Twitter Town Hall, bringing together over a dozen Members of Congress to field questions from Twitter about the budget and the “So Be It” Republican spending bill. Everyone interested can follow the Town Hall at www.Dems.gov/TwitterTownHall and submit your budget related questions by tagging them on Twitter with #AskDems or emailing them to AskDems@mail.house.gov.

“Using new technologies, Democrats continue to push the envelope in connecting with the American public”, said Rep. Mike Honda (CA-15), co-Chair of the House Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group. “In organizing this national town hall, House Democrats are reaching out to an America that is enraged with the Republican attack on working families, seniors, women, children, students and our economy. The tweeting voices are drawing a line in the sand, saying enough is enough – all in 140 characters or less.”

“Democrats in Congress are hearing nonstop from our constituents about their concerns with the irresponsible GOP spending bill. This Twitter town hall is a chance for us to directly respond to those concerns,” said Rep. John B. Larson (CT-01), the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. “I look forward to having a great discussion on the details and what it means for America’s working families across the country.”

“Members of Congress need to go where We the People are, and that increasingly means social media platforms like Twitter,” said Rep. John Garamendi (CA-10). “The Internet is tearing down the gates that used to divide representatives from the public. Community-wide open conversations are now possible online. Public research helped create the Internet; it’s about time public servants utilized it to its fullest potential. With my fellow House Democrats, it’s an honor to join the conversation.”

The House Democratic Caucus New Media Working Group establishes and shares new media best practices with Members of the House Democratic Caucus to promote broader and more effective engagement with their constituents. Over the last year, the Working Group has held briefings with industry leaders like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and Google while fostering partnerships with these companies to develop substantive tools for constituents to better connect with their representatives.

What: CONGRESSIONAL TWITTER TOWN HALL

Democratic Members of Congress will answer questions about the budget and the GOP spending bill live on Twitter.

Who: All Democratic Members of Congress are invited to participate.

The event is co-hosted by:

Rep. Mike Honda (D-CA), Co-Chair, New Media Working Group @RepMikeHonda
Rep. John B. Larson (D-CA), Chairman, House Democratic Caucus @RepJohnLarson
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Where: LIVE ON TWITTER

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Noon to 1:00 p.m. EST

Follow @ www.Dems.gov/TwitterTownHall

Submit Questions by adding #AskDems to your tweets or email: AskDems@mail.house.gov

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