“This week, as the Budget Taskforce Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, I was proud to stand with Senators Harkin, Whitehouse, and Sanders as well as millions of seniors, working families, and children to fight for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. We don’t have to put these programs on the chopping block to get our fiscal house in order, and the budget I wrote proves it. The battle we’re currently in isn’t about dollars and cents – it’s deeply personal, and it’s about the kind of country we hope to be. It’s about people like my 96 year old mother who rely on these programs. My mother – and millions just like her – have earned the right to retire with dignity and get medical help when they’re sick. It’s as simple as that.”