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**Rep. Cardin's
Town Hall Meetings**

• **Wednesday, June 11**
at 8 p.m.
North Oaks Retirement Community
725 Mt. Wilson Lane

Environment

- **WHEN:** Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Philip Merrill
Environmental Center
6 Herndon Ave.,
Annapolis

• **Tuesday, June 17**
at 7:30 p.m.
**Emerging Tech Center/
Canton**
2400 Boston Street,
3rd floor

• **Monday, June 23**
at 10 a.m.
Pasadena Senior Center
4103 Mountain Rd.

• **Monday, June 23**
at 12:30 p.m.
**Lansdowne-Baltimore
Highlands Senior Center**
424 Third Ave.

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**Congressman
Ben Cardin's 2003
Questionnaire**

Dear Friends,

From the War in Iraq and homeland security to tax cuts and Medicare reform, as your representative in Washington it is important that I know how you feel about the many important issues before Congress.

Every year I send out a questionnaire to help me better represent you. I hope you will take a moment to answer these questions. It has been designed with a response card that can be easily detached and mailed. Because of size requirements, the U.S. Postal Service requires a 37-cent stamp on the response card. You also can respond by going to my web site - www.house.gov/cardin - where you can enter your answers to this questionnaire.

In addition, I have included a schedule of where I will be this summer. I look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes,

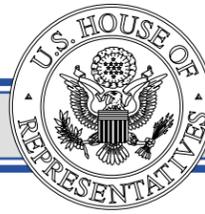
Ben

Special Forum On Medical Privacy

Patients and providers have all been affected by changes in the law regarding medical privacy. This forum will focus on what these changes mean to you and whether they strike the right balance.

- **WHAT:** Rep. Cardin's Medical Privacy Forum
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Greater Baltimore Medical Center
Physicians Pavilion - East
Civiletti Conference Room
6701 N. Charles Street, Towson

**YOUR
OPINION
COUNTS**



- 1) *President Bush has made large tax cuts his primary tool for economic revitalization -- do you agree with this strategy?*
- 2) *What is the most important budget priority to you?*
 - a. *Paying down the deficit*
 - b. *Domestic spending*
 - c. *Defense/homeland security spending*
 - d. *Tax cuts*
- 3) *Do you believe the United Nations should have a significant role in rebuilding Iraq?*
- 4) *Should the United States negotiate with North Korea regarding its nuclear program?*
- 5) *Would you support abolishing Medicare and replacing it with a fixed payment each year to enable individuals to purchase their own health insurance from private insurance companies?*
- 6) *Currently, 44 million Americans have no health insurance. Would you favor requiring everyone to buy health insurance if assistance is provided to those with low and moderate-incomes?*
- 7) *Should the federal government restrict travel to countries that have large SARS outbreaks?*
- 8) *Do you support a proposal by the Office of Management and Budget to turn approximately 850,000 federal jobs over to private contractors?*
- 9) *Should the United States focus more of its resources on renewable energy sources rather than expanding traditional energy production (oil, gas, coal)?*
- 10) *Should the U.S. government be able to indefinitely detain a suspected terrorist?*
- 11) *Do you support federal regulations increasing gas mileage and reducing air pollutants produced by new vehicles, even though they could add to the average cost of new cars and trucks?*

- 12) *The MSX and Dermo diseases have devastated the Chesapeake Bay's oyster population. Do you support the introduction of disease-resistant Asian oysters into the Bay in an effort to restore the oyster population?*
- 13) *Do you feel safe from terrorism when flying on domestic airlines today?*
- 14) *Does the color-coded homeland security advisory system provide useful information to you?*
- 15) *Do you believe you have adequate savings and retirement plans to meet your retirement objectives?*
- 16) *Do you support additional lanes to the Baltimore Beltway and other regional highways to accommodate increasing traffic?*
- 17) *Do you support the recommendations of a commission appointed by the Secretary of Education that could dramatically reduce the athletic opportunities and scholarships for women and girls under Title IX?*
- 18) *If your public school fails to meet federal accountability standards, would you support vouchers to help pay the cost of private or parochial schools as an alternative?*
- 19) *In order to take advantage of cyber-technology, would you in the future favor responding to my annual questionnaire through the internet?*

- 1. Yes No
- 2. (A) (B)
 (C) (D)
- 3. Yes No
- 4. Yes No
- 5. Yes No
- 6. Yes No
- 7. Yes No
- 8. Yes No
- 9. Yes No
- 10. Yes No
- 11. Yes No
- 12. Yes No
- 13. Yes No
- 14. Yes No
- 15. Yes No
- 16. Yes No
- 17. Yes No
- 18. Yes No
- 19. Yes No

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Other Comments: _____

