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Letter to the Editor

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The Nov. 3 10th Congressional District race, pitting Lt. Gov. John Garamendi against David Harmer offers voters a clear choice on the direction of our government.

Garamendi is a strong supporter of public education and of President Barack Obama's stimulus package. That package has, since May, brought millions of dollars for school systems transportation, housing, veterans services, and other needs in Contra Costa County alone.

Harmer opposes the president's stimulus efforts and wrote a policy analysis for the libertarian CATO Institute advocating the use of vouchers to privatize education.

Already, many older and disabled people are wondering how they will make ends meet when there is no Social Security cost of living increase next year.

Yet Harmer has said Social Security should be cut and privatized and Medicare should be cut; Garamendi has always defended a strong Medicare and Social Security system.

For all the above reasons, voters should send Garamendi to Congress next month.

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