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Congressman Barney Frank to Speak at Harvard University TONIGHT Will Discuss Stark Trade-offs Between Military and Other Forms of Spending

WASHINGTON – Congressman Barney Frank will speak tonight at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government about the necessity of reducing excessive military spending in order to avoid deep cuts in other areas.

The title of his address is “The Emperor Has Too Many clothes: the Deficit, the Pentagon and the Quality of Life in America.”

Frank’s speech is part of an in [intense effort](#) to force policymakers and the American public to realize that failure to address the issue of military spending will have a severe impact on the economy, on Social Security and Medicare, and on other virtually every other aspect of American life affected by US government spending. In recent weeks, he has loudly criticized Defense Secretary Leon Panetta for opposing further cuts to military spending; he has held three widely-attended town hall meetings in Massachusetts; he has met with editors and reporters at several media outlets; and he has talked about the issue in virtually all his public and media appearances.

In the past, Frank’s public addresses have drawn a good deal of media attention because of his willingness to directly challenge those with opposing viewpoints. The JFK Forum, run by the Harvard Institute of Politics, is a particularly vivid setting for such an event. Speeches last only 20 minutes, but Q&A from Harvard students and the broader community lasts 40 minutes or more.

Journalists interested in covering the event should contact the Kennedy School Communications Office at (617) 495-1115 to reserve a seat in the press area.

A live Vivex video/audio feed of this Forum is available – please contact the Kennedy School Communications Office for details.

[The event can also be viewed live at this link.](#)

WHAT: Congressman Barney Frank at the Harvard JFK Forum

WHERE: Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 79 JFK Street, Cambridge, MA

TIME: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

FORMAT: 20 minute speech followed by 40 minute Q&A

Note: The JFK Forum series is designed to serve the Harvard community but is open to the general public. However, because of time limitations, the press will not have an opportunity to ask questions during the Q&A period.