

Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including 109,000 Social Security Recipients And 35,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill, putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of his constituents, including over 109,000 Social Security recipients, 35,000 veterans, and 123,000 students. Rep. Bacon [endorsed](#) the bill, saying there were “[ZERO CUTS to veterans benefits](#)” in the bill, claiming that the bill’s opponents were “[lying to veterans.](#)”

Furthermore, a Republican-led default threatens Medicare for [368,000](#) Nebraskans and Social Security for [360,000](#), while putting [120,000](#) Nebraska veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten over \$310 million in [SNAP](#) and [TANF](#) assistance for Nebraskans.

Lastly, a Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of Nebraska’s [323,000 senior citizens](#), with [89% relying on Social Security income](#) and [16% being veterans](#).

Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Over 109,000 Social Security Recipients And 35,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) Voted For The Republican Default Bill And Said There Were “ZERO CUTS To Veterans Benefits” In The Bill, Claiming That The Bill’s Opponents Were “Lying To Veterans.”

Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02) Voted To Pass Republicans’ Default Bill H.R. 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, [04/26/23](#)]

Rep. Bacon Tweeted “MYTH: Limit, Save, Grow Would Cut Veteran Benefits” And That There Are “ZERO CUTS To Veterans Benefits” In H.R. 2811, Claiming That The Bill’s Opponents Were “Lying To Veterans.”



[Tweet by Rep. Don Bacon, 05/02/23, accessed [05/05/23](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-Led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 109,802 NE-02 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 31,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 128,000, And Veterans Health Benefits For 35,000.

Rep. Bacon's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 109,802 People In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Bacon's Vote Disrupts Over \$198 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Bacon's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 31,000 Families And Medicaid Benefits For 128,000 People In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in NE-02 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 31,000 families in NE-02 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 128,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Bacon's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 35,000 Veterans In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 35,000 veterans in NE-02. This can cause delayed care and missed appointments that worsen health outcomes for our nation's veterans." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-Led Default Threatens To Cut Education For 123,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 44,000 Households In NE-02.

Rep. Bacon's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 123,000 Students In Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 123,000 K-12 students in NE-02 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Bacon’s Vote Could Disrupt Rental Assistance For 44,000 Households In Nebraska’s 2nd Congressional District. “There are 44,000 households in NE-02 that spend more than 30% of their income on rent. Many of these renters include low-income families who are eligible for rental assistance. Unfortunately, federal housing assistance only has enough funding for one in four eligible families, and Republicans want to cut this program even more.” [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens Medicare For 368,000 Nebraskans And Social Security For 360,000, While Putting 120,000 Veterans At Risk.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To 368,000 Nebraskans Receiving Medicare Benefits, 360,000 Receiving Over \$559 Million In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 120,000 Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 368,000 Nebraskans. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 360,000 Nebraskans Relying On Over \$559 Million In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 120,000 Veterans In Nebraska At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens Over \$310 Million In SNAP And TANF Assistance For Nebraskans.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil Neary \$255 Million In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$56 Million In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 8,000 Nebraskans A Month

In FY 2020, Nebraskans Received \$255 Million In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 72,171 Households And 157,091 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 8,003 Nebraskans Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/2022](#)]

In FY 2021, Nebraskans Benefited From Over \$56 Million In Federal TANF Expenditures. [TANF & State MOE Financial Data, [12/13/22](#)]

The Republicans’ Default Deal Would Result In An Over \$11 Billion Cut In SNAP And TANF Funding.

According To the Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, Republicans’ Default Deal Would Impose New Work Requirements For SNAP And TANF Resulting In An Over \$11 Billion Reduction In Funding. “CBO estimates that expanding the work requirement to adults ages 50 to 55 would reduce direct spending by \$11 billion over the 2023–2033 period. [...] CBO estimates that the resulting reduction in [TANF] block grants would reduce direct spending by \$6 million over the 2023–2033 period.” [CBO, [04/25/23](#)]

The Republican-Led Default Threatens The Quality Of Life And Economic Security Of Nebraska's 323,000 Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, Nebraska Had Approximately 323,000 People 65 Or Older, With 46% Living Alone And 32% Having A Disability.

As Of 2021, Nebraska Had A 65+ Population Of 322,833. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 46% Of Nebraskans 65+ Lived Alone While 32% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 16% Of Nebraska 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

89% Of Nebraskans Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 6% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 2% Relied On TANF.

As of 2021, 89% Of Nebraska Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On Social Security As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 6% Of Nebraska Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On SNAP Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 2% Of Nebraska Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On TANF And Other Cash Assistance Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]