Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including Nearly 174,000 Social Security Recipients And 40,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) voted for the Republican Default Bill putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of his constituents, including nearly 174,000 Social Security recipients, 40,000 veterans, and 102,000 students. Rep. Molinaro endorsed the Republican Default Bill claiming it would "strengthen Social Security and Medicare" and "preserv[e] protections for SNAP and programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on."

Furthermore, a Republican-led default threatens Medicare for 3.7 million New Yorkers and Social Security for 3.6 million, while putting almost 690,000 New York veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten $7.8 billion in SNAP and TANF assistance for New Yorkers.

Lastly, a Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of New York's 3.3 million senior citizens, the 4th largest population of seniors in the United States, with 87% relying on Social Security income and 11% being veterans.

Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Nearly 174,000 Social Security Recipients And 40,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. Marc Molinaro Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill Claiming It Would "Strengthen Social Security And Medicare."

Rep. Marc Molinaro Voted To Pass Republicans' Default Bill H.R. 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, 04/26/23]

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Molinaro Votes to Advance Negotiations to Avoid a Default, Rein in Uncontrolled Federal Spending, Protect Social Security & Medicare

Washington, April 26, 2023

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) released the following statement on the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023:

"Today, I voted to advance negotiations to avoid a default on our debt, rein in uncontrolled federal spending, and strengthen Social Security & Medicare. The bill also preserves protections for SNAP and programs that vulnerable New Yorkers rely on, ensuring no aspect of these programs are altered for seniors, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, or families with children.

"We arrived at this point because President Biden and former Speaker Pelosi oversaw dramatic expansions of federal spending, which spiked inflation and sped our nation toward the debt limit. While today's bill is not perfect, it's a starting point, and should compel President Biden to finally come to the negotiating table. This is not a partisan issue; and President Biden should stop playing politics with the debt limit. We can achieve bipartisan agreement that avoids a national default and bends the rate of federal spending to protect future generations - it's the obligation of the President to negotiate."

[Rep. Marc Molinaro, 04/26/23]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 173,667 NY-19 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 54,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 289,000, And Veterans Health Benefits For 40,000.

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 173,667 People In New York's 19th Congressional District. [SSA, December 2022]

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Disrupts Over $306 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In New York's 19th Congressional District. [SSA, December 2022]

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 54,000 And Medicaid Benefits For 289,000 People In New York's 19th Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in NY-19 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 54,000 families in NY-19 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 289,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, April 2023]

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For 40,000 Veterans In New York's 19th Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 40,000 veterans in NY-19. 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 Of 102,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 49,000 Households In NY-19

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 102,000 Students In New York's 19th Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the

102,000 K-12 students in NY-19 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, April 2023]

Rep. Molinaro's Vote Disrupts Rental Assistance For 49,000 Households In New York's 19th Congressional District. "There are 49,000 households in NY-19 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 3.7 Million New Yorkers And Social Security For 3.6 Million, While Putting Nearly 690,000 Veterans At Risk.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 3.7 Million New Yorkers Receiving Medicare Benefits, 3.6 Million Receiving Over $5.8 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 689,000 Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 3,766,000 New Yorkers. [Joint Economic Committee, March 2023]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 3,681,000 New Yorkers Relying On Over $5.8 Billion In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, March 2023]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 689,000 Veterans In New York At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, March 2023]

A Republican-led Default Threatens $7.8 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For New Yorkers.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil $5.1 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over $2.7 Billion In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 166,000 New Yorkers A Month,

In FY 2020, New Yorkers Received $5.1 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 1,529,454 Households And 2,658,439 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, March 2022]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 166,672 New Yorkers Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, 03/10/2022]

In FY 2021, New Yorkers Benefited From Over $2.7 Billion In Federal TANF Expenditures. [TANF & State MOE Financial Data, 12/13/22]
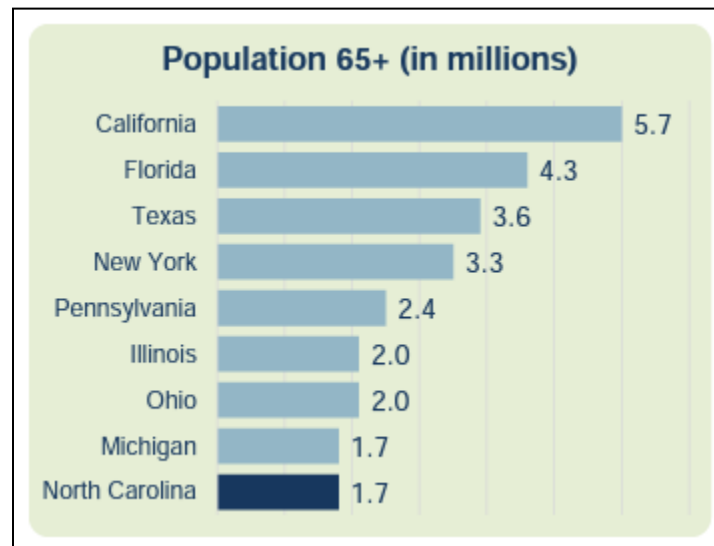
The Republicans' Default Deal Would Result In An Over $11 Billion Cut In SNAP And TANF Funding.

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]

A Republican-led Default Threatens The Quality Of Life And Economic Security Of New York's 3.3 Million Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, New York Had Approximately 3.3 Million People 65 Or Older, The 4th Highest Population In The Country, With 46% Living Alone And 31% Having A Disability.

As Of 2021, New York Had The 4th Highest 65+ Years Old Population In The US At Approximately 3.3 Million.

[North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, accessed 04/27/23]

As Of 2021, 45% Of New Yorkers 65+ Lived Alone While 31% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed 04/28/23]

As Of 2021, 11% Of New Yorkers 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed 04/28/23]

87% Of New Yorkers Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 15% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 3% Relied On TANF.

As of 2021, 87% Of New York 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, 15% Of New York 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, 3% Of New York 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]