

Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-02) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of Her Constituents, Including 138,000 Social Security Recipients And 88,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-02) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of her constituents, including over 138,000 Social Security recipients, 88,000 veterans, and 126,000 students at risk. Rep. Kiggans [endorsed](#) the Default Bill as “[slash\[ing\] wasteful government spending and plac\[ing\] America on the path to fiscal sanity.](#)”

Furthermore, the Republican-led default threatens Medicare for [1.6 million](#) Virginians and Social Security for nearly [1.6 million](#), while putting [691,000](#) Virginia veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten over \$1.4 billion in [SNAP](#) and [TANF](#) assistance for Virginians.

A Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of Virginia’s [1.3 million senior citizens](#), with [88% relying on Social Security income](#) and [19% being veterans](#).

Rep. Jen Kiggans (VA-02) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of Her Constituents At Risk, Including Over 138,000 Social Security Recipients And 88,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. Jen Kiggans Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill Claiming It “Slashes Wasteful Spending And Places America On The Path To Fiscal Sanity.”

Rep. Jen Kiggans Voted To Pass Republicans’ Default Bill H.R. 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, [04/26/23](#)]

Rep. Jen Kiggans Endorsed The Default Bill, Saying It “Slashes Wasteful Spending And Places America On The Path To Fiscal Sanity”:



[Twitter, [04/26/23](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 138,480 VA-02 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 35,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 175,000, And Veterans Health Benefits For 88,000.

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 138,480 People In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Disrupts Over \$243 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 35,000 And Medicaid Benefits For 175,000 People In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in VA-02 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 35,000 families in VA-02 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 175,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 88,000 Veterans In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 88,000 veterans in VA-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 Of 126,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 46,000 Households In VA-02.

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 126,000 Students In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 126,000 K-12 students in VA-02 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Kiggan's Vote Disrupts Rental Assistance For 46,000 Households In Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. "There are 46,000 households in VA-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 1.6 Million Virginians And Social Security For 1.5 Million, While Putting Over 691,000 Virginia Veterans At Risk.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 1.6 Million Virginians Receiving Medicare Benefits, Nearly 1.6 Million Virginians Receiving Over \$2.5 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 691,000 Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 1,608,000 Virginians. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 1,598,000 Virginians Relying On Over \$2.5 Billion In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 691,000 Veterans In Virginia At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens Over \$1.4 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For Virginians.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$1.3 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$157 Million In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 33,000 Virginians A Month.

In FY 2020, Virginia Received \$1.3 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 360,337 Households And 730,370 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 33,269 Virginians Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/2022](#)]

In FY 2021, Virginia Benefited From Over \$157 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](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens The Quality Of Life And Economic Security Of Virginia’s 1.3 Million Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, Virginia Had Approximately 1.3 Million People 65 Or Older, With 43% Living Alone, 32% Having A Disability, And 19% Being Veterans.

As Of 2021, Virginia’s Population Of 65+ Years Old People Was Approximately 1.3 Million. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 43% Of Virginians 65+ Lived Alone While 32% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 19% Of Virginians 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

88% Of Virginians 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, 88% Of Virginia Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On Social Security As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 6% Of Virginia Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On SNAP Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 2% Of Virginia Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On TANF And Other Cash Assistance Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]