

Rep. Michelle Steel (CA-45) Voted For The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of Her Constituents, Including Over 123,000 Social Security Recipients And 21,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. Michelle Steel (CA-45) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of her constituents, including over 123,000 Social Security recipients, 21,000 veterans, and 121,000 students at risk.

Furthermore, the Republican-led default threatens Medicare for [6.6 million](#) Californians and Social Security for [6.1 million](#), while putting over [1.5 million](#) California veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten \$11.4 billion in [SNAP](#) and [TANF](#) assistance for Californians.

A Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of California's [5.7 million senior citizens](#), the largest population of seniors in the United States, with [84% relying on Social Security income](#) and [13% being veterans](#).

Rep. Michelle Steel (CA-45) Voted For The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of Her Constituents At Risk, Including Over 123,000 Social Security Recipients And 21,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. Michelle Steel Voted For The Republican Default Bill.

Rep. Michelle Steel Voted To Pass Republicans' Default Bill H.R. 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, accessed [04/26/23](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 123,646 CA-45 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 45,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 272,000 And Veterans Health Benefits For 21,000.

Rep. Steel's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 123,646 People In California's 45th Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Steel's Vote Disrupts Over \$242 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In California's 45th Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Steel's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 45,000 Families And Medicaid Benefits For 272,000 People In California's 45th Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in CA-45 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 45,000 families in CA-45 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 272,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via Sharepoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Steel's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 21,000 Veterans In California's 45th Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 21,000 veterans in CA-45. 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 Funding For 121,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 54,000 Households In CA-45.

Rep. Steel's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 121,000 Students In California's 45th Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 121,000 K-12 students in CA-45 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via Sharepoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Steel's Vote Disrupts Rental Assistance For 54,000 Households In California's 45th Congressional District. "There are 54,000 households in CA-45 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](#)]

The Republican-led Default Threatens Medicare For 6.6 Million Californians And Social Security For 6.1 Million, While Putting Over 1.5 Million California Veterans At Risk.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 6.6 Million Californians Receiving Medicare Benefits, 6.1 Million Receiving Over \$9.3 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 1.5 Million Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 6,631,000 Californians. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 6,166,000 Californians Relying On Over \$9,340,498 Billion In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 1,535,000 Veterans In California At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens \$11.4 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For Californians.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$7.8 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$3.6 Billion In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 606,000 Californians A Month.

In FY 2020, California Received \$7.8 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 2,327,686 Households And 4,312,002 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 606,783 Californians Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/2022](#)]

In FY 2021, Californians Benefited From Over \$3.6 Billion In Federal TANF Expenditures. [TANF & State MOE Financial Data, [12/13/22](#)]

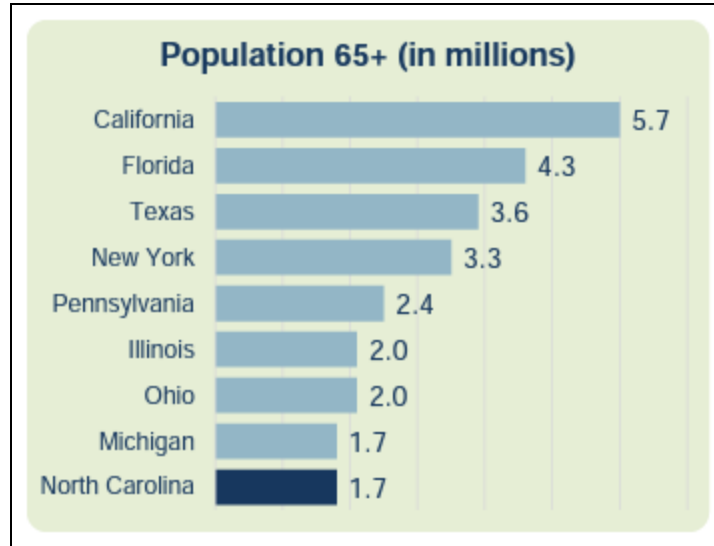
The Republicans' Default Deal Would Result In An Over \$11 Billion Cut In SNAP And TANF Funding.

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](#)]

The Republican-led Default Threatens The Quality Of Life And Economic Security Of California's 5.7 Million Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, California Had Approximately 5.7 Million People 65 Or Older, The Highest Population In The Country, With 39% Living Alone And 33% Having A Disability.

As Of 2021, California Had The Highest Population In The Country 65+ Years Old At Approximately 5.7 Million.



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

As Of 2021, 39% Of Californians 65+ Lived Alone While 33% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/04/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 13% Of Californians 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/04/23](#)]

84% Of Californians Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 7% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 2% Relied On TANF.

As of 2021, 84% Of California Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On Social Security As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/04/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 7% Of California Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On SNAP Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/04/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 2% Of California Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On TANF And Other Cash Assistance Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/04/23](#)]