

## **Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-07) Voted For The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including Over 133,000 Social Security Recipients And 25,000 Veterans**

**SUMMARY:** Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-07) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill putting the benefits and livelihoods of over hundreds of thousands of his constituents, including over 133,000 Social Security recipients and 25,000 veterans, at risk.

Furthermore, a Republican-led default threatens Medicare benefits for 1.68 million New Jerseyans and Social Security for more than 1.65 million, while putting 311,000 veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten [SNAP](#) benefits for more than 700,000 New Jerseyans and [TANF](#) for 21,645 each month.

Lastly, a Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of New Jersey's [1.49 million senior citizens](#), the 10th largest population of seniors in the United States, with [88% relying on Social Security income](#) and [10% being veterans](#).

**Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. (NJ-07) Voted For The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Over 133,000 Social Security Recipients And 25,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.**

### **Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. Voted To Pass The Republicans' Default Bill H.R. 2811.**

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[Clerk.House.gov, [04/26/23](#)]

...But Rep. Thomas Kean Jr. Has Yet To Defend His Vote In A Press Release Or On Twitter. [Kean.House.gov, accessed [05/04/23](#); Twitter, accessed [05/04/23](#)]

**If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 133,602 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 16,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 118,000 People, And Health Benefits For 25,000 Veterans In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District**

**Rep. Kean's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 133,602 People In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

**Rep. Kean's Vote Disrupts Over \$281 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Beneficiaries In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

**Rep. Kean's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 16,000 Families And Medicaid Benefits For 118,000 People In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in NJ-07 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 16,000 families in NJ-07 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 118,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

**Rep. Kean's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 25,000 Veterans In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 25,000 veterans in NJ-07. 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 128,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 29,000 Households In NJ-07**

**Rep. Kean's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 128,000 Students In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 128,000 K-12 students in NJ-07 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

**Rep. Kean's Vote Could Disrupt Rental Assistance For 29,000 Households In New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.** "There are 29,000 households in NJ-07 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 1.68 Million New Jerseyans And Social Security For 1.65 Million, While Putting 311,000 Veterans At Risk.**

**Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 1.68 Million New Jerseyans Receiving Medicare Benefits, 1.65 Million Receiving Over \$2.82 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 311,000 Veterans In The State.**

**A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 1,688,000 People In New Jersey.** [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

**A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 1,653,000 People In New Jersey Relying On Over \$2.82 Billion In Monthly Payments.** [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

**A Republican-led Default Also Puts 311,000 Veterans In New Jersey At Risk.** [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

**A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$1.28 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$402 Million In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 700,000 New Jerseyans A Month.**

**A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$1.68 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For New Jerseyans.**

**In FY 2020, New Jersey Received \$1.28 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 356,251 Households And 700,538 Individuals.** [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

**In FY 2021, An Average Of 21,645 New Jerseyans Received TANF Benefits Every Month.** [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/2022](#)]

**In FY 2021, New Jersey Benefited From Over \$402 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 New Jersey's 1.49 Million Senior Citizens.**

**As Of 2021, New Jersey Had Approximately 1.49 Million People 65 Or Older, The 10th Highest Population In The Country, With 42.2% Living Alone And 29.5% Having A Disability**

**As Of 2021, New Jersey Had The 10th Highest 65+ Years Old Population In The US At Approximately 1.49 Million.**

<b>State</b>	<b>Population 65+</b>
1 California	5,669,879
2 Florida	4,346,965
3 Texas	3,620,798
4 New York	3,330,159
5 Pennsylvania	2,361,790
6 Illinois	2,012,735
7 Ohio	2,004,802
8 Michigan	1,733,056
9 North Carolina	1,686,235
10 New Jersey	1,494,516
11 Georgia	1,479,832
12 Virginia	1,328,600
13 Arizona	1,243,859

[US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

**As Of 2021, 42% Of New Jerseyans 65+ Lived Alone While 29.5% Had A Disability.** [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

**As Of 2021, 10% Of New Jerseyans 65+ Are Veterans.** [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

**89% Of New Jerseyans Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 9% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 2% Relied On TANF**

**As Of 2021, 88% Of New Jersey 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, 9% Of New Jersey 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 New Jersey 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](#)]