

Rep. George Santos (NY-03) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including 150,000 Social Security Recipients And 18,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. George Santos (NY-03) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill, putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of his constituents, including over 150,000 Social Security recipients, 18,000 veterans, and 122,000 students at risk. Rep. Santos praised the default bill and claimed it would “[raise the debt ceiling, rein in spending, protect social security, and preserve VA funding!](#)”

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. George Santos (NY-03) Voted For And Endorsed The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Over 150,000 Social Security Recipients And 18,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. George Santos (NY-03) Voted For The Republican Default Bill And Claimed It Would “Rein In Spending, Protect Social Security, And Preserve VA Funding!”

Rep. George Santos (NY-03) Voted To Pass Republicans’ Default Bill HR 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, [04/26/23](#)]

In A Tweet, Rep. Santos Claimed That HR 2811, The Limit, Save, Grow Act Would “Raise The Debt Ceiling, Rein In Spending, Protect Social Security, And Preserve VA Funding!”:



Rep. George Santos
@RepSantosNY03



.@HouseGOP has passed the Limit, Save, Grow Act to raise the debt ceiling, rein in spending, protect Social Security, and preserve VA funding!



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[Tweet by Rep. George Santos, 05/03/23, accessed [05/05/23](#)]

In A Tweet, Rep. Santos Claimed That The Biden Admin & House Dems Continue To Launch False Attacks By Stating That The Limit, Save Grow Act Would Cut Veterans’ Benefits. @HouseGOP Will Not Cut Veterans & We Are Committed To Fight For The Men And Women Who Have Served Our Country.”:



Rep. George Santos
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[Tweet by Rep. George Santos, 05/03/23, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

If Republicans Don’t Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-Led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 150,705 NY-03 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 18,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 202,000, And Veterans Health Benefits For 18,000.

Rep. Santos' Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 150,705 People In New York’s 3rd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Santos' Vote Disrupts Over \$316 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In New York's 3rd Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Santos' Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 18,000 Families And Medicaid Benefits For 202,000 People In New York's 3rd Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in NY-03 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 18,000 families in NY-03 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 202,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Santos' Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 18,000 Veterans In New York's 3rd Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 18,000 veterans in NY-03. 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 122,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 25,000 Households In NY-03.

Rep. Santos' Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 122,000 Students In New York's 3rd Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 122,000 K-12 students in NY-03 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Santos' Vote Could Disrupt Rental Assistance For 25,000 Households In New York's 3rd Congressional District. "There are 25,000 households in NY-03 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](#)]

The 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 45% 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](#)]