

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) Voted For The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including 160,000 Social Security Recipients And 36,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Problem Solvers Caucus [Co-Chair](#) Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill, putting the benefits and livelihoods of thousands of his constituents, including over 160,000 Social Security recipients, 36,000 veterans, and 117,000 students at risk.

Furthermore, a Republican-led default threatens Medicare for 2.8 million Pennsylvanians and Social Security for 2.8 million, while putting 719,000 Pennsylvania veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten over \$3.9 billion in SNAP and TANF assistance for Pennsylvanians.

A Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of Pennsylvania's [2.4 million senior citizens](#), the 5th largest population of seniors in the United States, with [91% relying on Social Security income](#) and [17% being veterans](#).

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) Voted For The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Over 160,000 Social Security Recipients And 36,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick Voted For The Republican Default Bill.

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick Voted To Pass Republicans' Default Bill H.R. 2811. [Clerk.House.gov, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 160,216 PA-01 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 32,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 161,000, And Veterans Health Benefits For 36,000.

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 160,216 People In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Disrupts Over \$319 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Families In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 32,000 And Medicaid Benefits For 161,000 People In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. "The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in PA-01 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 32,000 families in PA-01 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 161,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits." [Joint Economic Committee via Sharepoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 36,000 Veterans In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. "Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 36,000 veterans in PA-01. 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 117,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 30,000 Households In PA-01

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 117,000 Students In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. "Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 117,000 K-12 students in PA-01 when federal funds for education are cut." [Joint Economic Committee via Sharepoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Fitzpatrick's Vote Disrupts Rental Assistance For 30,000 Households In Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District. "There are 30,000 households in PA-01 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 2.8 Million Pennsylvanians And Social Security For 2.8 Million, While Putting Nearly 719,000 Veterans At Risk.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 2.8 Million Pennsylvanians Receiving Medicare Benefits, 2.8 Million Receiving Over \$4.5 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 719,000 Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 2,847,000 Pennsylvanians. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 2,878,000 Pennsylvanians Relying On Over \$4.5 Billion In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 719,000 Veterans In Pennsylvania At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

The Republican-led Default Threatens Over \$3.9 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For Pennsylvanians.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$3.2 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$717 Million In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 64,000 Pennsylvanians A Month.

In FY 2020, Pennsylvania Received \$3.2 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 974,107 Households And 1,794,613 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 64,727 Pennsylvanians Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/22](#)]

In FY 2021, Pennsylvanians Benefited From Over \$717 Million In Federal TANF Expenditures. [TANF & State MOE Financial Data, [12/13/22](#)]

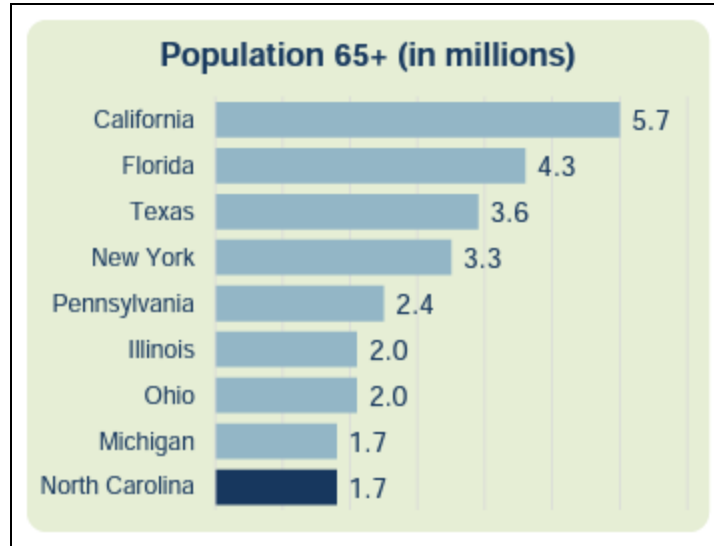
The Republicans' Default Deal Would Result In An Over \$11 Billion Cut In SNAP And TANF Funding.

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 Pennsylvania's 2.4 Million Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, Pennsylvania Had Approximately 2.4 Million People 65 Or Older, The 5th Highest Population In The Country, With 45% Living Alone And 32.5% Having A Disability.

As Of 2021, Pennsylvania Had The 5th Highest 65+ Years Old Population At Approximately 2.4 Million.



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

As Of 2021, 45% Of Pennsylvanians 65+ Lived Alone While 32.5% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 17% Of Pennsylvanians 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed [05/02/23](#)]

91% Of Pennsylvanians Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 11% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 2% Relied On TANF.

As of 2021, 91% Of Pennsylvania 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, 11% Of Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania 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](#)]