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Social Security

Topic	Title/Bill Numbers	Sponsors	Summary
Know Your Social Security Act	H.R. 4143	Rep. John Larson Rep. Vern Buchanan	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would require the Social Security Administration to resume annual mailing of Social Security statements to all of the estimated 150 million American workers who are eligible to receive them.
Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act	H.R. 2337	Rep. Richard Neal	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would improve the Windfall Elimination Provision, or WEP, by introducing a new proportional formula for the purpose of calculating the amount of the offset and provide meaningful WEP relief to current retirees. H.R. 4540 also includes a benefit guarantee so that no current or future retirees can be worse off as a result of the bill.
Social Security Fairness Act of 2021	S.1302 H.R.82	Sen. Sherrod Brown Rep. Rodney Davis	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would repeal both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) provisions of the Social Security Act which unfairly prevent millions of Americans including teachers,



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			firefighters, and police officers, from receiving the Social Security benefits that they have earned.
Maintain Access to Vital Social Security Services Act of 2019		Sen. Tammy Baldwin Rep. Gwen Moore	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p> <p>Would establish procedures for the Social Security Administration (SSA) to follow when it proposes to close or consolidate any of the agency’s local field offices, including: a temporary moratorium on all office closures; require that SSA’s annual budgets disclose any plans to close offices or reduce services that field offices provide; and make SSA develop a plan to ensure that field offices are receiving sufficient resources to maintain adequate service delivery.</p>
Supplemental Social Security Income Restoration Act of 2021		Rep. Raul Grijalva	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p> <p>Would strengthen and modernize the Supplemental Security Income program, which is vitally important for the 8.3 million disabled or elderly individuals who depend on it for basic income support.</p>
Social Security for Future Generations Act of 2017		Rep. Al Lawson	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p>



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			<p>Would strengthen Social Security’s financial foundation by increasing revenue dedicated to support the program, and fund program improvements for beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Fair COLA for Seniors Act</p>		<p>Rep. John Garamendi</p>	<p><u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u></p> <p>Would require the use of the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly for the purpose of determining cost-of-living adjustments for a broad array of Federal retirement programs, including Social Security. Using the CPI-E will ensure that benefits for retirees are not diminished by rising costs in the goods and services that seniors disproportionately consume.</p>

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Medicare

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Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act of 2021	S. 912	Sen. Mazie Hirono Sen. Shelley Moore Capito Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse	<u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u> The Protecting Seniors Through Immunization Act will expand Medicare to cover all adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices without any cost-sharing for Part D, providing immediate coverage for shingles and Tdap vaccines. It would also apply to new vaccines as they are approved.
Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act		Speaker Nancy Pelosi Rep. Frank Pallone	<u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u> Would significantly reduce drug costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug costs directly with manufacturers, penalize noncompliant manufacturers to ensure lower prices, and require companies to rebate to the government price increases above the rate of inflation. H.R. 3 would also improve Medicare benefits by providing partial coverage for hearing, dental and vision services, put a \$2,000 out-of-pocket spending cap on Part D and increase the number of low-income seniors eligible for assistance with drug costs.

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Medicare Part B Penalties Fairness Act		Rep. Katie Hill	<p><u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u></p> <p>Would help ease the burden for people who unwittingly make Medicare Part B enrollment mistakes by limiting the penalty for late enrollment. It would also allow those with COBRA coverage to avoid the Part B late enrollment penalty.</p>
Medicare Dental Benefit Act	S. 97	Sen. Ben Cardin	<p><u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u></p> <p>Would provide coverage for dental services under the Medicare Part B program.</p>
Know the Lowest Price Act <i>(PASSED)</i>		Sen. Debbie Stabenow	<p><u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u></p> <p>Would prohibit health plans and pharmacy benefits managers from inserting gag clauses into their contracts with pharmacists that prohibit them from disclosing to consumers when it costs less to pay out-of-pocket for a drug than it would to use their insurance coverage.</p>
Medicare Hearing Aid Coverage Act		Rep. Debbie Dingell	<p><u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u></p> <p>The bill would require Medicare to cover hearing examinations and hearing aids.</p>



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<p>Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 <i>(PASSED)</i></p>		<p>Sen. Elizabeth Warren Rep. Joseph Kennedy III</p>	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p> <p>Would encourage the development of more affordable over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aid devices by requiring that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) provide for the regulation of OTC hearing aids within three years of enactment of the bill.</p>
<p>Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act</p>		<p>Sen. Bernie Sanders Rep. Elijah Cummings</p>	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p> <p>Would permit wholesalers, licensed pharmacists and individuals to import drugs from Canada, and authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services in two years to allow importation from other advanced countries.</p>



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Health Care and Aging Legislation

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Budget Legislation

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CARES Act <i>(PASSED)</i>		Sen. Mitch McConnell Rep. Joe Courtney	NCPSSM opposed the payroll tax portions of this legislation but supported provisions that would benefit seniors and disabled . To provide emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families, and businesses affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

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Civil Rights Legislation

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Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act (POWADA)	S. 880 H.R. 2062	Sen. Bob Casey Sen. Chuck Grassley Sen. Patrick Leahy Rep. Bobby Scott Rep. Rodney Davis	<u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u> Would protect older workers from employment discrimination and would treat age discrimination as unjust as other forms of employment discrimination.
Paycheck Fairness Act	S. 205 H.R. 7	Sen. Patty Murray Rep. Rosa DeLauro	<u>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</u> Would prevent wage discrimination and help women and their families secure the paychecks they have earned by putting an end to pay secrecy, strengthening workers' ability to challenge discrimination, and bringing equal pay law into line with other civil rights laws. This would strengthen retirement security for women as they



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			generally work for lower wages due to persistent gender wage discrimination, leading to a smaller Social Security benefit.
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Alzheimer's Legislation

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Coronavirus Legislation

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BENES Act <i>(PASSED)</i>		Sen. Robert P. Casey Rep. Raul Ruiz	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would improve Medicare beneficiary notification of enrollment rules, align enrollment periods, and eliminate coverage gaps for those who miss their initial enrollment period and sign up during the general enrollment period.
Taxpayer Research and Coronavirus Knowledge Act (TRACK Act)	S. 482 H.R. 1391	Sen. Jeff Merkley Rep. Lloyd Doggett	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would provide for transparency of federal investments in pharmaceutical research related to COVID-19 by creating a single database of all federal biomedical investments in COVID-19 vaccines, drugs, therapies, medical devices, or other products.
The ACCESS Act	S.57 H.R. 596	Sen. Amy Klobuchar Rep. Jan Schakowsky	NCPSSM supports this legislation. Would provide an emergency supplemental appropriation of \$50 million to the Department of Health and Human Services to assist nursing homes expand their use of telehealth services and establish a grant program to allow nursing home residents to participate in virtual visits.



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Lower Drug Costs for Seniors During COVID-19 Act		Rep. Jan Schakowsky	<p>NCPSSM supports this legislation.</p> <p>Would allow seniors to get three-month prescription drug refills under Medicare Part D by spreading up-front copays over the 90-day period. This will make it more affordable for seniors to get three months of their medications, allowing them to reduce the frequency of pharmacy visits and stay safely at home during the coronavirus crisis.</p>