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Insider's Report: Max Richtman Participates in a Town Hall Meeting



"Now is not the time to turn our backs on seniors by cutting Social Security and Medicare," declared Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08), kicking off a **town hall** in his home district with National Committee President and CEO Max Richtman on August 29th. Held in Des Plaines, Illinois before an audience of constituents, the event was entitled, "Keeping Our Promises to Seniors."

During the hour-long town hall, Max and U.S. Representative Krishnamoorthi pledged to continue working together to expand and strengthen Social Security and Medicare — and fight any attempts to cut or privatize them. They also the enactment of the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) which requires drug companies to negotiate certain high-cost medications and caps companies' out-of-pocket costs for medications, among other measures to alleviate seniors' costs at the pharmacy counter.

According to Max, "Medicare is going to be able to negotiate the prices of some of the most expensive drugs. And the \$2,000 yearly cap in Medicare Part D is going to help a lot of seniors who have been spending a fortune on very costly treatments. We worked on this for a long time and finally got it through the Congress."

Participants also asked questions about the controversial Medicare Advantage (MA) program — the privately-run alternative to traditional Medicare. MA plans, which are run by big insurance companies, are underfunded (which would say, in plain English) so they can't cover all medical practices and are therefore the Medicare plan that delivers the fewest benefits to patients.

In addition, Max and U.S. Representative Krishnamoorthi addressed legislative efforts to expand and strengthen Social Security, and also U.S. Representative John Larson's ["SOC-Secure, 2100: A Sacred Trust Act"](#) which would bring in more revenue, extend solvency, and improve benefits — by changing the cap on wages subject to payroll taxes so the wealthy pay their fair share."

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Good Bills

The National Committee endorses the ["Protecting and Preserving Social Security Act"](#) introduced by U.S. Representative Ted Deutch (FL-22) in the House and U.S. Senator Mazie K. Hirono in the Senate (H), which strengthens the financial condition of the Social Security Trust Funds for many years and adopts the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E) for the purpose of determining annual cost-of-living increases for Social Security beneficiaries.



Ask Web

Our resident Social Security expert, Webster Phillips — a Senior Policy Analyst for the National Committee and a 31-year veteran at the Social Security Administration — is here to answer your questions about Social Security.

You can either search our [archives](#) for valuable advice on a broad range of concerns or submit your question [here](#).

This week's question is: I would like to begin receiving Social Security benefits at age 62 and would like to know if I can apply only for spousal benefits on my husband's record now and defer applying on my own record until it reaches its maximum when I turn 70. I will be 62 in December and my husband will be 65 next March.

[Click here to read the answer.](#)



Take Our Poll

When you go to the polls on November 8, 2022 (or cast an absentee ballot), will Social Security and Medicare — and how the candidates voted on key bills impacting these programs — be a top factor in determining which candidates receive your vote?

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What's in the Inflation Reduction Act for Medicare

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On the "Medicare Moment" radio program, NCPSSM legislative director Dan Adcock says Medicare drug price negotiation is one of the significant improvements for seniors in the just-enacted law. (August 18, 2022, WMKV. Radio interview with NCPSSM President & CEO Max Richtman)

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New Bill Would Repeal Federal Taxes on Social Security Benefits

Dan Adcock, Director of Government Relations & Policy at the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, said that while the group supports "providing tax relief to Social Security beneficiaries, our preferred legislative vehicle for accomplishing this goal is Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust." (August 29, 2022, Think Advisor, Melanie Wadell)

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Wyden Launches Inquiry Into Deceptive Medicare Marketing

Oregon's senior U.S. senator on Thursday launched an inquiry with officials from multiple states regarding potentially deceptive marketing practices for Medicare Advantage plans that cover seniors. (August 23, 2022, The Land Report, Ben Bolkin)

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Democrats hammer Republicans over Social Security as conservative candidates grab the "third rail"

From Blaske Masters in Arizona to Sen. Ron Johnson in Wisconsin, Republicans in key 2022 races have floated changes to the popular retirement benefits program. (August 28, 2022, NBC News, Sahl Kapur)

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Sen. Johnson's Dangerous Idea

NCPSSM President and CEO Max Richtman says that high Social Security cost-of-living adjustments for 2022 and likely 2023 do not make up for scot COLAAs in years past. (August 18, 2022, WCBY. Radio Interview with NCPSSM President & CEO Max Richtman)

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