



# Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust

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- **Increases Social Security benefits for seniors who need it now!**
- **Protects benefits preventing a 20% cut in 2034**
- **Benefits have not been improved in more than 50 years**
- **Americans have not recovered from the Great Recession and the COVID pandemic**
- **The bill is fully paid for by making millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share**

## The Social Security 2100 Act Increases Benefits

- **Benefit bump for current and new beneficiaries** – Provides an increase for all beneficiaries that is the equivalent to about 2% of the average benefit. The US faces a retirement crisis and a modest boost in benefits strengthens the one leg of the retirement system that is universal and the most reliable.
- **Protection against inflation** – Improves the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) formula to better reflect the costs incurred by seniors through adopting a CPI-E formula. This provision will help seniors who spend a greater portion of their income on health care and other necessities. Improved inflation protection will especially help older retirees and widows who are more likely to rely on Social Security benefits as they age.
- **Protects low-income workers** – No one who paid into the system over a lifetime should retire into poverty. The new minimum benefit will be set at 25% above the poverty line and would be tied to wage levels to ensure that the minimum benefit does not fall behind.
- **Improves benefits for widows and widowers in two income household**
- **Repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO)** that currently penalize many public servants.
- **Ends the 5-month waiting period** to receive disability benefits.
- **Provides caregiver credits** to ensure that caregivers are not penalized in retirement for taking time out of the workforce to care for children or other dependents.
- Extends benefits for students to age 26.
- Increases access to benefits for children who live with grandparents or other relatives.

## Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust Strengthens the Trust Fund

- **Have millionaires and billionaires pay the same rate as everyone else** – Presently, payroll taxes are not collected on wages over \$142,800. This legislation would apply the payroll tax to wages above \$400,000. This provision would only affect the top 0.4% of wage earners.
- **Extends the depletion date (when a 20% cut to benefits would occur) to 2038** – Giving Congress more time to ensure long term solvency of the Trust Funds.
- **Social Security Trust Fund Established** – Social Security provides all-in-one retirement, survivor, and disability benefits funded through the dedicated FICA contribution paid by workers. There are technically two trust funds, Old-Age and Survivors (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI), and that are usually referred to as the Social Security Trust Fund. This provision combines the OASI & DI trust funds into one Social Security Trust Fund, to ensure that all benefits will be paid.