FIGHTING FOR FLORIDA'S SENIORS

CHAIRMAN RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT OUR SENIORS

<u>Protect Our Seniors Act:</u> This bill has three key provisions to protect the benefits of Social Security and Medicare and promote the long-term solvency of these critical programs. The Protect Our Seniors Act would strengthen funding for the Medicare and Social Security Administration Trust Fund, put guardrails on Congressional action that could lead to any reduction or cut of existing Medicare and Social Security benefits, and fix a loophole to ensure that Medicare dollars stay in Medicare when cost savings within the program are realized.

<u>Supporting Older Americans Act:</u> This bill reauthorized and strengthened the nation's preeminent law focused on the well-being of seniors. Senator Scott was proud to cosponsor the substitute amendment that became law and support Florida's seniors through all of the important programs like Meals on Wheels, senior center funding and housing affordability for seniors.

<u>Financial Exploitation Prevention Act of 2023:</u> This bill focuses on preventing the financial exploitation of seniors. Senator Scott is proud to cosponsor this bill with Senator Bill Hagerty that would give the financial industry better tools to address suspected financial exploitation and abuse of our seniors.

<u>Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act:</u> This bill establishes several requirements and standards relating to prior authorization processes under Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and would help prevent unnecessary delays in accessing critical care. Senator Scott was proud to cosponsor this important legislation to reduce delays in care.

<u>Older Americans Month:</u> Every year, Senator Scott is proud to join his colleagues in recognizing May as "Older Americans Month" and recognizing the incredible contributions of seniors all across Florida and the United States.

ADVOCATING FOR SOLUTIONS TO ISSUES AFFECTING FLORIDA'S SENIORS

<u>Letter to the Social Security Administration to not hold Florida seniors accountable for the administration's</u> <u>mistakes;</u>

<u>Letter to the FDA on drug shortages and how they are affecting older Americans; and</u>
<u>Letter with the entire United States Senate Special Committee on Aging calling on the Federal Trade</u>
<u>Commission to protect seniors from scams</u>

UNITED STATES SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING HEARINGS

January 15, 2025 - United States Senate Special Committee on Aging Hearing titled, "Improving Wellness Among Seniors: Setting a Standard for the American Dream." Senator Rick Scott is proud to now serve as Chairman of the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging and led his first hearing on January 15, 2025. This hearing included two Floridians, Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell, who also serves as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and Dr. Dawn Carr, director of the Claude Pepper Center at Florida State University, as well as Dr. Susan Hughes, director of the Center for Research on Health and Aging at the University of Illinois Chicago. Chairman Rick Scott is fighting to secure a strong future for America's aging population and looks forward to continuing robust hearings focused on improving the wellness of American seniors and by taking action which allows older Americans to secure better physical and mental health, financial stability, a safe community to live in, and a strong community and family support system.

January 29, 2025 - United States Senate Special Committee on Aging Field Hearing titled, "Making Washington Work for Seniors: Fighting to End Inflation and Achieve Fiscal Sanity." This hearing included Floridian, Tarren Bragdon, Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Government Accountability, as well as Jeff Ferry, Chief Economist Emeritus of the Coalition for a Prosperous America, and EJ Antoni, Research Fellow at the Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget. Chairman Rick Scott's goal is to get our fiscal house in order to stop reckless spending and end inflation so the federal government keeps its promises to elderly Americans through Social Security and Medicare, and ensures they can enjoy their golden years and secure financial stability.



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