

FIGHTING FOR FLORIDA'S SENIORS

CHAIRMAN RICK SCOTT OF THE U.S. SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging has delivered progress toward Chairman Scott's goals, including:

- 34 hearings led by Chairman Scott to examine the most pressing challenges facing older Americans.
- **Protect Our Seniors Act**: This bill safeguards the benefits of Medicare and Social Security by 1) establishing a rule to prevent cuts to these critical entitlements, and 2) ensuring that any savings to the Medicare program stay in the Medicare program.
- **Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act**: The *Older Americans Act* is the nation's preeminent law focused on the well-being of seniors. This bill reauthorizes OAA programs through fiscal year 2030, including updates to strengthen program integrity, encourage innovation and flexibility, and enhance support for family caregivers and the direct care workforce. Chairman Scott was proud to fight for the passage of this bill in the Senate in 2026 as he continues his fight to support Florida's seniors through programs and services the OAA supports such as Meals on wheels, senior center funding, and housing affordability for seniors.
- **Social Engagement and Network Initiatives for Older Relief (SENIOR) Act**: This bill promotes programs that combat loneliness and supports community integration for seniors by adding "loneliness" to the definition of "disease prevention and health promotion services" under the *Older Americans Act*.
- **Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act**: 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. Chairman Scott was proud to cosponsor this important legislation to reduce delays in care.
- **Older Americans Month**: Every year, Chairman Scott is proud to join his colleagues in recognizing May as "Older Americans Month" and honoring the incredible contributions of seniors all across Florida and the United States.
- **Multigenerational Home Caregiver Credit Act**: This bill offers a \$2,000 tax credit to adults who provide in-home care for an older family member, helping ease the financial strain created by rising health care costs.
- **Aging with Artificial Intelligence Act of 2026**: This bill promotes research and development on how artificial intelligence tools, including chatbots and voice assistants, impact older Americans.
- **Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act**: This bill repeals the Retirement Earnings Test under the *Social Security Act* and allows seniors to earn income without facing any cuts to their hard-earned Social Security benefits.
- **Chairman Scott Combats Fraud and Scams that Aging Americans Face:**
 - **ReportScams.gov Act**: This bill creates a central website where Americans can report scams, receive assistance, and access resources from the appropriate agencies.
 - **Guarding Unprotected Aging Retirees from Deception (GUARD) Act**: This bill enhances state and local law enforcement's ability to investigate financial fraud by expanding the use of federal grant funds to support specialized training and the use of blockchain tracing technology.
 - **STOP Scammers Act**: This bill protects aging Americans from sophisticated international fraud schemes by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to identify and designate foreign entities engaged in financial fraud against U.S. citizens as 'Foreign Financial Threat Organizations.'
 - **National Strategy for Combating Scams Act**: This bill strengthens federal coordination by creating a working group led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, standardizing scam reporting, and incorporating input from victims, law enforcement, and the private sector.
 - **Medicaid RAC Improvement Act of 2026**: This bill closes loopholes in the Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program so all states participate in the RAC program, and expands the Medicaid RAC's improper payment review authority, ensuring waste and fraud don't slip through the cracks.
- **Chairman Scott Sounds the Alarm on the Risks that Generic Drugs Pose to American Families:**
 - **Consumer Labeling for Enhanced API Reporting and Legitimate Accountability for Base Entity Listings (CLEAR LABELS) Act**: This bill requires prescription drug labeling to disclose the original manufacturers of generic drugs and APIs, giving patients, providers, and regulators clear, upfront information about a drug's origins.
 - Chairman Scott sent letters to **Department of War Secretary Pete Hegseth**, **Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Doug Collins**, **Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**, **Former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Martin Makary**, **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz**, **Department of Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick**, **U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer**, **pharmaceutical distributor and group purchasing organization executives**, and **major U.S. pharmacies**.

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- Chairman Scott held the following hearings: *"Prescription for Trouble: Drug Safety, Supply Chains, and the Risk to Aging Americans"*, *"Bad Medicine: Closing Loopholes that Kill American Patients"*, *"Made in America: Restoring Trust in Our Essential Medicines"*, *"Truth in Labeling: Americans Deserve to Know Where Their Drugs Come From,"* *"Foreign Dependence: How China Captured America's Drug Supply"*, *"Poisoned Pills: The Human Cost of Dangerous Foreign Drugs,"* and *"Behind the Label: Foreign Ownership and Control in America's Drug Supply Chain."*

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging released the following resources:

- **Artificial Intelligence & Older Americans: Confronting New Threats, Unlocking New Opportunities Report:** This report details the potential uses and risks Artificial Intelligence (AI) poses for older Americans.
- **Guarding Your Nest Egg: A Financial Resource Guide for Older Adults:** This booklet helps America's seniors navigate the increasingly complicated world of their finances and benefits so they can thrive, prosper, protect themselves from fraudsters and enjoy the retirement they have earned.
- **2025 Fraud Report:** This report sounds the alarm on growing financial threats facing aging Americans and ways for seniors to identify red flags to prevent victimization and respond to and report scams.
- **Protecting Seniors' Access to Essential Medications Report:** This report exposes America's dangerous overreliance on foreign-made generic drugs.
- **America's Aging Farm Workforce Report:** This report highlights the significant challenges posed by America's aging farm workforce and presents policy recommendations to strengthen this critical industry and protect U.S. food security.
- **Fraud Hotline:** The committee's toll-free Fraud Hotline 1-855-303-9470 continues to expand access to education, prevention tools, and direct support for seniors and families.

For more information or to get your copy of these helpful reports and resources, visit: Aging.Senate.gov.

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