

PROTECTING FLORIDA'S SENIORS

SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

TAKING ACTION TO PROTECT OUR SENIORS

- **Protect Our Seniors Act:** 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. This bill 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 would fix a loophole to ensure that Medicare dollars stay in Medicare.
- **Supporting Older Americans Act:** 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.
- **Financial Exploitation Prevention Act of 2023:** 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.
- **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. Senator Scott was proud to cosponsor this important legislation to reduce delays in care.
- **Older Americans Month:** 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

- **Letter to the Social Security Administration to not hold Florida seniors accountable for the administration's mistakes;**
- **Letter to the FDA on drug shortages and how they are affecting older Americans; and**
- **Letter with the entire United States Senate Special Committee on Aging calling on the Federal Trade Commission to protect seniors from scams.**

ELEVATING FLORIDA VOICES - CONGRESSIONAL FIELD HEARINGS

- **Nov. 10, 2023 - United States Senate Special Committee on Aging Field Hearing titled, "Veterans Access to Care, Services, and Economic Opportunity."** This hearing addressed critical issues facing veterans such as scheduling delays, the transition from active duty to civilian life and access to facilities and resources for disabled veterans, among other issues.
- **Nov. 21, 2022 - United States Senate Special Committee on Aging Field Hearing titled, "Issues Facing Seniors: Retirement Security, Healthcare & Fiscal Health."** This hearing featured Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody and experts from the Association of Mature American Citizens, The Heritage Foundation, the Foundation for Government Accountability and Florida State University and focused on finding solutions to pressing matters facing our seniors.

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