President Trump and Majority Leader McConnell Sneak Plan to Cut Social Security and Medicare into Coronavirus Relief Bill

On July 23, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced that he had reached a deal with the White House to include a dangerous piece of legislation that will fast track cuts to Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds in their proposed Republican coronavirus relief package.

The TRUST Act (S. 2733) was introduced by Senator Mitt Romney (UT). It creates a fast track process for Social Security and Medicare benefit cuts, and has nothing to do with the COVID-19 crisis.

This is a cynical sneak attack on the Social Security and Medicare benefits we have earned through a lifetime of work. Using the pandemic as an excuse to sneak in a surprise attack on Social Security and Medicare is an outrage. Seniors are at the highest risk from COVID-19. Holding up desperately needed funds to combat the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and recession is as irresponsible as it is cruel.

We Need to Stop this Undemocratic and Dangerous Plan NOW.

Older Americans must unite and tell Congress to oppose this cruel plan:

- Sign our petition to Congress [here](https://www.retriedamericans.org/petition). The TRUST Act is dangerous and should not be passed in any form.

- Call 866-828-4162 to be connected to your Senators’ offices. Tell them to vote against any plan to fast track Social Security and Medicare cuts.

[www.RetiredAmericans.org](http://www.RetiredAmericans.org)
What is the TRUST Act?

The TRUST Act creates “rescue committees” that will meet behind closed doors and come up with recommendations to change the Social Security, Medicare and Highway Trust Funds. The American people won’t even know what they are doing.

Then, once a rescue committee approves its recommendations, they would be fast tracked to a vote. The recommendations could not be revised or even debated by other members of Congress or Senators.

The TRUST Act places no limits on what could be considered or how solvency would be determined. All options would be on the table, including raising the retirement age for Social Security, raising the eligibility age for Medicare as well as benefit cuts for current and future beneficiaries.

It is also not needed. The Social Security Trust Funds can pay full benefits until 2034. And 76% benefits after that. If the goal is to strengthen Social Security’s solvency, making the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share into the system would extend the system’s solvency and allow for needed benefit increases for current and future retirees. The Medicare Trust Fund is also solvent.

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