



FRIDAY ALERT



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Trump Payroll Tax Cut Would Effectively Destroy Social Security by 2023

Social Security's own actuary **Stephen Goss** confirmed this week [in a letter to four U.S. Senators](#) that everyone's Social Security retirement benefits will end in 2023 if President **Trump** is re-elected and does what he promises: permanently end the Social Security payroll tax.

"President Trump has stated clearly that he would take away Social Security's dedicated funding with a payroll tax cut. That is a means for destroying Social Security," said **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance. "It is his latest attempt at tearing down the system."

Unless Congress steps in, President Trump could make this change unilaterally by simply not collecting the payroll tax any longer. That would be devastating for Americans who have earned their Social Security over a lifetime of work.

[Please sign the Alliance's petition to demand that Congress immediately take away President Trump's power to end Social Security unilaterally.](#)

"Donald Trump likes to say he won't cut Social Security. He is lying," added Executive Director Fiesta. "He has said he would cut or end Social Security's funding at least 7 times since he was elected president."

Now is the Time to Make Your Plan to Vote



Election day is just around the corner, and the Alliance advises all of its members to finalize their plan to vote and vote early if possible.

You can go to www.vote.org to verify your registration and gather information about how to vote in your community. Due to the pandemic, many states have shifted requirements and polling locations, and if you intend to vote early or by mail, you must pay close attention to the deadlines.

“Voting is more complicated this year and it likely will require more steps than we are used to,” said Alliance President **Robert Roach, Jr.** “First, double check that you are still registered to vote at your current address. Some states have purged their voter rolls, so you need to make sure that you are still registered,” he warned.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has said that in order to ensure your mail-in ballot is counted, you must request it at least two weeks before election day. A number of states are also putting out drop boxes to ensure that postal delays do not become a problem.

Defying Reality, Postmaster General Denies Purposefully Weakening Mail-In Voting System

The House passed a bill on Saturday to grant \$25 billion to the USPS and ban operational changes that have slowed mail service around the country. Over two dozen Republicans joined Democrats in support of the bill, and the Delivering for America Act (H.R. 8015) [passed by a vote of 257-150](#).



Disassembled mail sorting machines in parts and unused in an Oregon postal facility.

The bill was introduced due to a number of policy changes the Administration made to the USPS. Among those changes were removing high-volume sorting machines from USPS facilities, disallowing overtime for employees, and taking away mail boxes.

Postmaster General **Louis DeJoy** has failed to provide a report that would back up his claim that

changes began earlier in the year due to the onset of coronavirus, furthering allegations that these changes were made after he took the job to affect mailed ballots during election season.

In his testimony on Monday before the U.S. House, DeJoy vehemently [denied](#) making any of these changes, saying, “I am not engaged in sabotaging the election.” He even refused to acknowledge the removal of sorting machines despite ample evidence. He said he was unaware of who was responsible for those changes, and refused to commit that he would reverse them.

“Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell** (KY) needs to bring the House bill up for a vote now,” said **Joseph Peters, Jr.**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “Not doing so will prevent citizens from getting vital packages like medications and amounts to voter suppression during election season.”

Read about the [Iowa](#) and [Texas Alliance protests in support of the USPS here](#).

Iowa Alliance Holds Its Convention

The Iowa Alliance held its 2020 convention online last Friday with the theme *Seniors Navigate the Pandemic*. National Alliance Executive Director Fiesta spoke about the senior vote. **Charlie Wishman**, President of the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and **Peter Hird**, Secretary-Treasurer, were among the notable speakers addressing the attendees about current issues affecting seniors.

Logun Buckley, Iowa Alliance Organizer, and **Sue Dinsdale**, Director of the Iowa Lower Drug Prices Now Coalition, spoke about the latest efforts to bring skyrocketing drug prices under control.

The meeting ended with a vote re-electing the following officers: **Mike McCarthy**, President (AFSCME); **Kay Pence**, Vice President (CWA); and **Jan Corderman**, Secretary (AFSCME). **Ken Sagar** (IBEW), former president of the Iowa AFL-CIO, was elected Treasurer.

The Alliance for Retired Americans is a national organization that advocates for the rights and well-being of over 4.4 million retirees and their families.