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Retirees Remain Hopeful as Election Day Results are Tabulated

Democrats defied expectations in the midterm elections, potentially defending [enough seats to maintain control of the Senate](#) with control of the House of Representatives still undetermined.

One hundred seventy-seven of the 266 Alliance-endorsed federal candidates won, with 40 of those races still undetermined.



Texas Alliance activists demonstrated in Dallas at a "Get out the Vote" rally downtown on November 8.

Alliance-endorsed **John Fetterman** defeated **Dr. Mehmet Oz** in Pennsylvania. Fetterman campaigned on retirement security issues, including expanding Social Security and increasing benefits and restoring the “union way of life.”

Two other races critical to the outcome of Senate control — Arizona and Nevada — were too close to call as of the *Friday Alert* deadline, and a December 6 run-off will take place between Alliance-endorsed Sen. **Raphael Warnock** and **Hershel Walker** in Georgia. Whichever party wins at least 2 of these three seats will control the Senate.

Key wins in governors’ races included victories by **Gretchen Whitmer** in Michigan and **Josh Shapiro** in Pennsylvania. An important governor’s race in Arizona is also still too early to call.

“Thank you to all of our members who worked so hard to get out the vote,” said **Robert Roach, Jr.**, President of the Alliance. “You elected and re-elected candidates who will continue to expand and protect Social Security and Medicare.”

President **Biden** said on Wednesday that he wants to work with Republicans, but he will [not compromise](#) on issues including cutting Social Security and any of the Inflation Reduction Act provisions that lower prescription drug prices, including allowing Medicare negotiate lower drug prices, free vaccines, a \$35 per month cap on insulin costs, and an out of pocket drug cost cap for Medicare beneficiaries.

“We know we will need to vigorously protect our earned benefits from attack during the next Congress, and we are more than ready to do that,” added **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance.

Decision Blocks Illegal Hand Counting of Ballots in Cochise County in Arizona Alliance Lawsuit - but Board of Supervisors Appeals

Ruling on a lawsuit filed by the Arizona Alliance, a judge on Monday [blocked](#) rural Cochise county's plan to conduct a full hand-count of ballots from the current election — a measure requested by Republican officials who expressed unfounded concerns that vote-counting machines are untrustworthy.

However, the Board of Supervisors voted 2 to 1 on Wednesday to appeal the judge's decision to the Arizona Supreme Court.

The Monday [decision](#) was issued by the Arizona Superior Court, Pima County for the County of Cochise in the case *Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans v. Crosby*. The Arizona Alliance had sued to block the County’s plan to perform a hand count audit of all early ballots, in violation of state law.

“The ruling was a big win for all voters in Cochise County, particularly older voters who are more likely to vote early in Arizona,” said Arizona Alliance President **Saundra Cole**. “All voters have the right to cast a ballot that will be counted – in the most accurate way possible. Elected officials must follow the law and this ruling affirms the rule of law.”

The Arizona Alliance members had previously won two other voting rights lawsuits this year.

Kaiser Health News: Supreme Court to Hear Nursing Home Case That Could Affect Millions
By Farah Yousry, Side Effects Public Media



When **Susie Talevski** sued the agency that managed her elderly father's care before he died, she hoped to get justice for her family. She did not expect the case would grow into a national bellwether. A ruling against her could strip millions of vulnerable Americans of their power to hold states accountable when they do not receive benefits allowed by law.

"This case has taken on, really, a life of its own way beyond what I could have foreseen," said Talevski, a resident of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Read more [here](#).

Susie Talevski has gone through years of legal back-and-forth with the state agency that operates the nursing home where her father, Gorgi, resided before his death.

Retirement Symposium to Take Place Tuesday, will be Available on Youtube

It is not too late to join the Alliance virtually at our Retiree Security Symposium Seminar, which will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 9:00 - 4:00 EST. This educational seminar is for union leaders and staff, legislative representatives, pension advocates, academics, lawyers and young workers and will be livestreamed by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW).

Alliance members who registered to participate will receive a link for the webinar by email on Monday, November 14. If you have not pre-registered, you can go to www.retiredamericans.org on Tuesday to view the event on YouTube.

Alliance Celebrates Veterans Day Friday

The Alliance wishes all of its members a Happy Veterans Day.

"We are grateful to our veterans who have fought to protect our democracy," said **Joseph Peters, Jr.**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "The news constantly reminds us that our democracy is fragile, and Veterans Day is an opportunity to remember and thank all the brave Americans who have fought to protect our citizens and our way of life."