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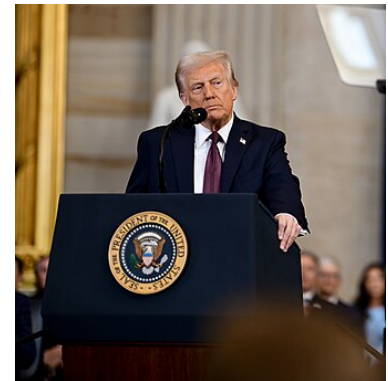
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President Trump Signs Executive Order to Create a Federal Voter List & Control Vote by Mail

President **Donald Trump** [signed an executive order](#) Tuesday that seeks to create a federal list of citizens to use for vote by mail verification. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC), Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), Democratic National Committee (DNC), Democratic Governors Association and Democratic congressional leaders have already filed a lawsuit in federal court to block the order.



The EO directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to compile “state citizenship lists” based on federal database information, including citizenship and Social Security records. States would be required to use those lists as a reference for verifying and purging their voter rolls and the U.S. Postal Service would only be allowed to send mail ballots to people on those preapproved lists.

This is not the first time that President **Trump** has tried to use his authority to change election rules. He has also called for “nationalizing” elections and signed a different executive order last year aiming to introduce documentary proof of citizenship for voter registration and slash funding for states that have grace periods for mail ballots. Most of the provisions in that order were ultimately blocked in federal court. He has repeatedly referred to voting by mail as “cheating,” but used that method of voting to cast his ballot for a special election in Florida in March.

“Americans should be able to exercise their constitutional right to vote without having to overcome unnecessary obstacles or worrying that their personal data will be scrutinized by the federal government. This is an outrageous attempt to suppress the vote,” said **Robert Roach, Jr.**, President of the Alliance.

New Proposal Calls for Capping Social Security Benefits for Couples

Last week, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) [released a white paper](#) proposing a “six-figure limit” that would cap Social Security benefits at \$100,000 for couples and \$50,000 for individuals. The authors argue that this could help shore up the Social Security Trust Fund, which is expected to be insolvent by 2032. Benefits will be cut across the board by 20 percent if nothing is done to address the shortfall.

As written, the measure affects just two percent of beneficiaries. In order to receive at least \$50,000 in annual Social Security payments (or more than \$100,000 for couples), a retiree would have to have worked for decades earning high wages the entire time, and delay retirement until age 70.

The plan doesn’t actually target the “ultra-wealthy,” but a different solution – getting rid of the cap on income eligible for payroll taxes – would ensure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share into the system. It would also eliminate as much as [75 percent](#) of the projected shortfall, while CFRB’s proposal would only eliminate about 20 percent.

“This proposal is designed to normalize benefit cuts and means testing. But Social Security is an earned benefit that workers have paid into with every paycheck. The problem is not that some beneficiaries have ‘earned too much in benefits,’ it’s that billionaires don’t contribute enough of their income into Social Security,” said President **Roach**. “If lawmakers want to actually save and strengthen Social Security, they should make the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share.”

Senior Scams Proliferate as Tax Day Approaches

With Tax Day right around the corner, tax-related scams are at an all time high. [According to a recent study from McAfee](#), 23 percent of those surveyed say they know at least one person who has been affected by a tax scam, or nearly one in four Americans.



Experts note that tax-related scams often come in five different forms: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) impersonation, social media, “ghost” tax preparers, debt relief scams, and fake charities. Many scammers use similar techniques, including finding ways to get key information from victims, including Social Security information and bank info. In order to protect themselves, experts say people should take an abundance of caution and do research when it comes to preparing taxes, including when using tax preparation services.

“Tax-related scams have always been prevalent, but technology and social media has made it easier than ever for scammers to act,” said **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance. “Older Americans are especially at-risk, often because they’re not as familiar with online behaviors. Here at the Alliance, we’re dedicated to educating members and the public about how to be safe online, as well as lobbying for better regulations of social media and other online platforms.”

REGISTER NOW: Deadline to Register for Alliance's National Membership Meeting is next Friday

The deadline to register and make hotel reservations for the Alliance's National Membership Meeting is **next Friday, April 10, 2026**.

The meeting is from April 27 to April 30 at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Click here to read the convention call and to register for the meeting.](#) **Hotel rooms are filling up fast, so please register and book your room as soon as possible.**



Attendees will elect the Alliance's officers, participate in special workshops, learn about emerging issues and what's at stake in the 2026 elections, and develop ways to grow our retiree activism. AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer **Fred Redmond**, former SSA Commissioner **Martin O'Malley**, pollster **Jason McGrath**, and President and CEO of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC) [Hardy Merriman](#) are all slated to speak.

There will also be a special "Senior Prom Ball and Dinner" celebrating the Alliance's 25th anniversary. Registered attendees can bring outside guests to this event for a fee of \$50 per person.

Please contact Joni Jones at jjones@retiredamericans.org or 888-373-6497 with any questions.

April is Medicaid Awareness Month

Medicaid provides health care for 79 million Americans with limited income and resources, including many older Americans who rely on the program for coverage of nursing home and personal care services. That's why the Alliance is joining in marking the ninth annual [Medicaid Awareness Month](#) this April.

The Republican tax law passed last year cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid. [A new report](#) by Public Citizen says that the law has put more than 400 hospitals at risk of closure or cutting services. The report includes a list of at-risk hospitals with addresses that can be filtered by congressional representative.

"Medicaid is a critical lifeline for millions of seniors and other vulnerable Americans. Congress must stop further damage to health care access and fix the damage caused by the so-called Big, Beautiful Bill," said **Joseph Peters, Jr.**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance.