

Seniors Slam Trump's Relentless Attacks on Social Security

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WISCONSIN -- As Donald Trump doubles down on his commitment to slashing social security, congressional candidate and State Representative Amanda Stuck joined Social Security recipients Sarah Conklin and Crystal Porter to criticize Trump's repeated attacks on Social Security over the last four years, and his cruelty in threatening to permanently cut funding for the program during a pandemic. Social Security is a vital lifeline for countless Wisconsin families, seniors, people with disabilities, and this threat is part of a long history of Trump and his administration recklessly playing politics with people's lives.

[Watch the full event here](#) or read excerpts of what the speakers said below.

Congressional Candidate Amanda Stuck: "We have about 150,000 people here in the 8th congressional district that rely on Social Security... Folks like my grandma who worked her entire life... raised her family here and now relies on Social Security. They are very worried about what cuts or defunding will mean to them... In the economy that we have now, we know we can't afford to be cutting these benefits at all. If anything we really need to be looking at how we can help people, how we can make sure people have more resources, not less, during these hard economic times... This is something that really is going to be on the ballot, that people are going to be watching, and they should know who is actually looking out for them and who really wants to cut their livelihood and their benefits."

Sarah Conklin: "I am a poster child for pre-existing conditions, including MS, and like so many Wisconsinites my out of pocket costs are horrendous. The only way I'm able to afford my medication and treatments are with Medicare and Social Security... If Trump gets his way with

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this new executive order, which would cut funding for Social Security, I don't know what I'll do. Since Donald Trump took office, he has broken every promise he ever made to protect Social Security and has repeatedly attacked it, along with Medicare and Medicaid, when we senior citizens depend on it for our wellbeing. Trump and the GOP are clearly more interested in passing tax cuts for big corporations instead of helping the senior citizens that depend on Social Security for a bare minimum of financial stability. We are tired of his broken promises and cannot wait to elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris this fall. Who have shown they are committed to defending Social Security and expanding financial protection for seniors across the country."

Crystal Porter: "I work a part time position at our local senior center. I talk to seniors every single day, besides myself, who are concerned about their benefits being cut. Donald Trump's attack on our Social Security and Medicare would be very devastating to all of us... If one of us should get sick with COVID and our benefits are cut, where do we go? Do we lose our home? Are we out in the street?... We depend on that Social Security to live. We are so excited to know that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be our next president and vice president and I can't wait for November 3rd to come, to make it so we're all covered and take care of, so that our president and our vice president are concerned about the American people and are not just tossing us out like garbage, as the Trump Administration is doing giving tax cuts to the rich and taking away from us and making us poorer than we already are... I see this every single day working with the seniors at our senior center... some people don't have enough money to buy their lunches, decent groceries, or medicine, and... something has to change and I pray it changes soon."