

WisDems: Trump's 2021 budget shows deep cuts to Social Security, Medicaid, breaking numerous promises to Wisconsinites to protect these programs

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(MADISON, WI) — As the Trump administration releases their FY2021 budget, we know that Trump is open to breaking the promise he made to Wisconsinites to protect vital earned benefits like Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare. As Trump's budget prioritizes extending massive tax-cuts for the richest Americans and corporations, he is counting on slashing the programs that working people rely upon in order to pay for these handouts.

“President Trump is intentionally shattering his promises to Wisconsinites to protect programs like Social Security, Medicaid, SNAP — programs that are vital for seniors, children, and those with disabilities — all so he can give his rich benefactors another handout at our expense,” Democratic Party of Wisconsin Chair Ben Wiker said. “Trump's attacks on the most vulnerable Wisconsinites are disgraceful and clearly break his promises to protect our friends and neighbors. He's made it clear over the past three years his priorities are giving handouts to his country club buddies, and voters will remember this betrayal at the ballot box in November.”

In 2016, at a campaign rally in Appleton, Wisconsin, Trump said “They want to take your....Social Security, cut the hell out of it. I'm not going to do that...as sure as you're sitting there, you're keeping your Social Security. You've been paying in all your lives. You're going to keep your Social Security...” As of 2018, there are [over 1.2 million Wisconsinites who rely on Social Security.](#)

Trump's attacks on Medicaid and SNAP also have far reaching implications. As of 2018, [43% of children with special health care needs are covered by Medicaid](#), and [Medicaid covers 5 of 9 nursing home residents](#).