

Barnes campaign: Mandela Barnes' plan to safeguard Social Security and Medicare

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MADISON — Today, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes, candidate for U.S. Senate, announced his [plan to safeguard and protect Social Security and Medicare](#). While Ron Johnson wants to put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block, raise the retirement age, and send seniors back to work, Mandela Barnes will be a champion for Wisconsin's seniors. Mandela's plan will ensure that seniors who have spent their lives working for the American dream can rely on Social Security.

The proud son of a union family, Mandela Barnes knows firsthand that Wisconsinites have earned the benefits they've paid into their entire lives. In the Senate, he'll work across the aisle to protect Social Security and Medicare and ensure it's solvent for decades to come.

Ron Johnson Has a Long Record of Endangering Wisconsin's Seniors

- Ron Johnson has repeatedly **made calls to slash Social Security and Medicare**, putting the benefits Wisconsinites have paid into their entire lives on the chopping block. [Wisconsin State Journal, [8/3/22](#)]
- Johnson has **voted to raise the retirement age to 70**. [US Senate, [3/22/13](#)]
- Johnson, after twelve years in the Senate, revealed his plan was to **"Coax" seniors out of retirement** [Heartland Signal, [9/1/22](#)]
- Johnson praised a plan that would end Social Security and Medicare in five years. [UpNorthNews, [4/21/22](#)]
- Johnson is so out-of-touch with working Wisconsinites, that he **advocated for investing Social Security in the Stock Market**. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/19/2022](#)]

- Johnson voted **against allowing Medicare to negotiate fairer drug prices.** [US Senate, [8/7/22](#)]
- Johnson has voted **to undercut Medicare** and those that rely on it. [US Senate, [10/19/2017](#)]
- Johnson once again revealed his out-of-touch beliefs when he **called Social Security a “Ponzi Scheme.”** [Heartland Signal, [12/05/21](#)]
- Johnson called health care a “privilege” for those who can “afford” it. [WISN, [9/29/17](#)]