

DNC: IN THE STATES: GOP faces backlash for targeting seniors' benefits

Posted on Friday, Apr 29, 2022

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

In the states this week, Republicans have had to defend their party's plan that calls for sunseting all federal legislation, including Medicare and Social Security, after five years – putting millions of seniors' right to their hard-earned benefits at risk. Unsurprisingly, Americans are making their opposition to the plan known.

Here's a look at some of the recent local coverage of the backlash to Republicans' disastrous agenda in the battlegrounds:

- **In Michigan:** WKZO: [AUDIO: Michigan Democratic Party holds rally in Kalamazoo to protest "sunseting" of Medicare and Social Security](#)
- **In New Hampshire:** Seacoastonline: [Commentary: New Hampshire can't trust Republicans on Social Security and Medicare](#)
- **In North Carolina:** The Charlotte Post: [Op-ed: North Carolina seniors can't afford Republican control of government](#)
- **In Wisconsin:** Hudson Star-Observer: [Opinion: New threat to retirees, disabled](#)
- **In Wisconsin:** Wausau Pilot & Review: [Opinion: Reader disputes agenda to sunset Social Security, Medicare](#)
- **In Florida:** Ocala StarBanner: [Opinion: Sunset their political career](#)

This week, the DNC made yet another round of State Party Innovation Fund (SPIF) grants, giving states across the country the resources they need to help bolster organizing efforts, voter protection, and more. Here are a few examples:

- **In Texas:** Telemundo Austin: [Partido Democrático de Texas Recibe](#)

[Subvención del Partido Nacional Democrático Para Registrar Votantes En Comunidades Diversas](#)

- **In California:** The Sacramento Bee: [Exclusive: DNC seeks to boost California election outreach ahead of anticipated 'red wave'](#)
- **In Minnesota:** Minnesota DFL: [DNC Funds New DFL Campus and Apartments Organizing Program](#)
- **In Maryland:** MD Dems: [DNC Invests in Voter Protection Director for Maryland Democrats](#)

Meanwhile, people across the nation saw headlines about how President Biden and Democrats' American Rescue Plan and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are helping lower housing costs for working Americans – doing everything from cutting home energy bills to increasing access to affordable housing.

- **In Wisconsin:** Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: [A new \\$20 million fund has been created to provide grants for affordable apartment developments throughout Wisconsin.](#)
- **In Arizona:** KTAR: [Maricopa County approves \\$10.7M in affordable housing projects](#)
- **In Pennsylvania:** The Bradford Era: [Casey says Pa. receiving additional \\$19 million for LIHEAP](#)
- **In Michigan:** WJRT: [Utility assistant programs have more money to give than typical years](#)
- **In Indiana:** Indy Star: [Indianapolis to invest nearly \\$56 million in affordable housing, anti-displacement efforts](#)
- **In New Jersey:** NJ.com: [N.J. residents to get \\$13M more from feds to help pay home energy bills](#)
- **In Rhode Island:** Warwick Post: [RI Wins Another \\$2.5M for Home Energy Aid](#)
- **In Washington:** Bellingham Herald: [WA working families eligible for \\$6.49 million in energy bill assistance. Here's how](#)
- **In Ohio:** Toledo Blade: [Developer set to build \\$15M Maumee affordable housing project](#)
- **In Wyoming:** WyomingNews.com: [Wyoming looks to help vulnerable people stay in their homes, using federal money](#)

And Democrats continued meeting rural Americans where they are to highlight how the Biden administration and investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will increase access to broadband, clean water, health care, and more.

- **In North Carolina:** Spectrum News: [‘Broadband is very important’: Cabinet-level officials talk about importance of investing in N.C.’s rural communities](#)
- **In North Carolina:** CBS17: [USDA and EPA leaders talk \\$1 billion+ in NC water infrastructure investments](#)
- **In Arizona:** Tucson Sentinel: [Rural healthcare orgs in Arizona awarded \\$5.1M in USDA grants](#)
- **In Ohio:** The Highland County Press: [Biden-Harris administration, USDA establish new program to support rural health care providers; \\$43M investment announced](#)
- **In Iowa:** KMA Land: [USDA Launches the Rural Partners Network](#)
- **In Minnesota:** Inforum: [Landkamer: Building more equitable access to USDA resources](#)
- **In Wisconsin:** WisPolitics: USDA: [Invests \\$6 million to improve historic community infrastructure for residents of Baraboo, Wisconsin](#)
- **In New York:** FingerLakes1: [On Earth Day, USDA announces \\$800 million in climate-smart rural infrastructure](#)
- **In Montana:** NBC Montana: [USDA will invest in six Montana watershed infrastructure projects](#)
- **In Colorado:** The Durango Herald: [San Juan National Forest receives \\$3 million from USDA program](#)