

Opportunity Wisconsin: On 88th anniversary of Social Security, Wisconsin Republicans are plotting to slash benefits and raise the retirement age

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MADISON, Wis. – As Social Security marks 88 years since being signed into law, extreme proposals from Republicans in Congress would jeopardize benefits for Wisconsin seniors.

Earlier this year, the Republican Study Committee [released their proposal for the 2024 federal budget](#) which would slash Medicare benefits and make drastic changes to Social Security, including raising the retirement age. Congressman Tom Tiffany helped author the budget and Congressman Bryan Steil is a member of the committee that proposed it.

Another plan introduced by Congressman Derrick Van Orden earlier this year, and featured in Opportunity Wisconsin's [latest ad](#), would also slash benefits and make it more difficult for seniors to retire.

Opportunity Wisconsin Program Director Meghan Roh: “Wisconsinites have paid into Social Security their entire career with the expectation that these benefits will be there when they choose to retire. Unfortunately, Republicans in Congress continue to propose drastic changes that would threaten these benefits and make it more difficult for Wisconsin seniors to retire. Every member of Wisconsin’s Republican congressional delegation owes their constituents an answer about where they stand on these extreme proposals. It’s time for Congress to find ways to

strengthen Social Security benefits, not propose new ways to weaken them.”