

# U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY



FIGHTING *for a* **FAIR SHOT** *for* **FAMILIES, KIDS and SENIORS**

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## Protecting Pennsylvania's Seniors

Ensuring strong services and supports for older Americans is a significant priority for Senator Casey. As a member of the Special Committee on Aging, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the Committee on Finance, all of which have jurisdiction over policies and programs pertinent to senior citizens, Senator Casey has had the opportunity to write and enact legislation impacting the over 2 million older Pennsylvanians.

- On March 21, 2016, Senator Casey hosted a Special Committee on Aging Field Hearing in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, entitled Senior Scams: What Are They and How People Can Avoid Them in order to learn more about pervasive scams and educate the community.
- Senator Casey introduced the **Caregiver Corps Act of 2014**, which gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to develop a toolkit and guidance for local entities to establish and implement local Caregiver Corps programs giving local faith-based groups or volunteer programs the tools to train volunteers so that they are prepared and understand how they can best support an older adult or person with a disability.
- Senator Casey introduced the **Senior Investor Protections Enhancement Act of 2013**, which strengthens the federal government's ability to prosecute criminals who target older adults with financial scams.
- Senator Casey introduced the **Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens through Workforce Advancement Act of 2014**, which develops and tests an expanded and advanced role for direct care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older individuals in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **Protecting Medicare Beneficiary Act of 2015**, which sought to prevent keep Medicare Part B premiums from spiking out of control, creating hardship for seniors living on fixed incomes.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **SAVE Benefits Act**, which would give seniors a one-time payment of about \$580 to make up for the lack of a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2016.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **Elder Protection and Abuse Prevention Act of 2013**, which expands the definition of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and requires elder abuse prevention trainings, screenings, and reporting for all federally funded senior service programs.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **National Silver Alert Act of 2013**, which creates a nationwide network for locating missing adults and senior citizens.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2014**, which provides a system to educate seniors on the most common health care fraud schemes, to help them avoid falling victim to scams, and to encourage them to report fraud to law enforcement and bring criminals to justice.

### Resources for Pennsylvania seniors:

- If you feel like you or a loved one has been a victim of a crime, please call the Pennsylvania Agency on Aging statewide elder abuse hotline at 1-800-490-8505 or the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging hotline at 1-855-303-9470. Internet crime complaints can also be reported to the FBI and the National White Collar Crime center: [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).
- If you have received a suspicious phone call allegedly from the IRS that you believe may be a scam, record the employee's name, badge number, call back number and caller ID if available. Call 1-800-366-4484 to determine if the caller is an IRS employee with a legitimate need to contact you.
- If you require assistance paying for your prescription medication, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Aging APPRISE Program at 1-800-783-7067. APPRISE is a service for Pennsylvanians age 60 and above, regardless of income.
- Please do not hesitate to call Senator Casey's Harrisburg office at (717) 231-7540 or visit <http://casey.senate.gov/constituents/casework/>.