

U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY



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

Protecting Pennsylvania's Seniors

Senator Casey is committed to ensuring the availability of strong services and supports for older Americans. He is the Ranking Member of the Special Committee on Aging, and a member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the Committee on Finance, which have jurisdiction over aging policies and programs. Through these positions, Senator Casey is advancing policies to enhance the health and economic security of the more than 2 million older residents who call Pennsylvania home.

- Senator Casey is a strong supporter of Social Security and Medicare and opposes changes to the programs that would reduce the benefits that people have earned through a lifetime of work. Specifically, Senator Casey opposes the privatization of Social Security and proposals to turn Medicare into a voucher program. He also opposes proposals to raise the eligibility age for both Social Security and Medicare.
- Senator Casey is a champion of the Medicaid program and opposes proposals to cap funding or turn the program into a block grant. In 2017, he led the charge to preserve access to community-based services and nursing home care provided through Medicaid for millions of older Americans.
- Senator Casey introduced the bipartisan **Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act** to create a one-stop-shop of resources to help grandparents raising grandchildren address the challenges they may face, including those families affected by the opioid epidemic. This bill was signed into law in July 2018.
- Senator Casey introduced the bipartisan **Nourishing Our Golden Years Act**, which would simplify the application process for the Senior Food Box Program, making it easier for seniors to access nutritious foods.
- Senator Casey introduced the bipartisan **Beneficiary Enrollment Notification and Eligibility Simplification (BENES) Act**. The BENES Act would update Medicare enrollment rules and help Baby Boomers avoid costly late enrollment penalties.
- Senator Casey introduced the **Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act**, which would level the playing field for older employees by strengthening older workers' ability to fight back against age discrimination in the workplace.
- Senator Casey introduced the **Geriatrics Workforce Improvement Act**, which would equip specialists, including physicians, nurses and home health aides, with the knowledge and skills needed to efficiently care for older Pennsylvanians.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act**, which provides law enforcement officials with the tools to prosecute con artists and bring perpetrators to justice. This bill was signed into law in 2017.
- Senator Casey cosponsored the **Senior Safe Act**, a bipartisan bill to encourage financial institutions to disclose suspected financial exploitation of seniors. This bill was signed into law in 2018.

Resources for Pennsylvania seniors

- If you feel like you or a loved one has been a victim of a crime, please call the Special Committee on Aging Hotline at 1-855-303-9470. For information on the top 10 scams targeting our nation's seniors, visit: <https://www.aging.senate.gov/download/fraud-report-2018>.
- If you require assistance paying for your prescription medication or need help understanding your Medicare options, 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 office at (717) 231-7540 or visit <https://www.casey.senate.gov/help/>.