

## **HEALTH CARE, MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY MATTER MORE THAN EVER IN MICHIGAN, WHICH MILLIONS OF MICHIGANDERS RELY ON**

**More Than 702,000 Individuals Were Enrolled In The Healthy Michigan Program.** “Nearly 1.8 million Michiganders were enrolled in traditional Medicaid as of the end of last week, according to the state. More than 702,000 individuals were enrolled in Healthy Michigan — the expanded form of Medicaid through the federal Affordable Care Act — as of early Monday, Health and Human Services Department spokesman Bob Wheaton said.” [Detroit News, [5/14/20](#)]

**About 2.1 Million Michiganders Rely On Medicare Benefits.** [Kaiser Family Foundation, [CY18](#)]

**Over 2.2 Million Michigan Residents Receive Monthly Social Security Benefits.** “More than 2.2 million Michigan residents are getting monthly Social Security benefits, up 34% from 1.65 million recipients in 2000, according to December 2018 data from the Social Security Administration.” [M-Live, [1/22/20](#)]

## **JOHN JAMES SUPPORTED THE REPUBLICAN TAX LAW WHICH BENEFITS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND BIG CORPORATIONS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MIDDLE CLASS**

### **JAMES FULLY SUPPORTED THE REPUBLICAN TAX LAW**

**James Said That The New Tax Law Was “A Massive Christmas Present.”** ANCHOR: ‘Give me specific policy things that you’re talking to folks that really resonate in Michigan. JAMES: “Of course, the biggest thing is tax reform and tax reform got done. Our president has kept his promises to the American people and he’s delivered tax reform and signed into law before Christmas and this is a massive Christmas present not just for, for the middle class who will experience more choice. For example the 529 plan now applies to K through 12 not just in college, and when you give parents choice, you give children a chance in the state of Michigan, repatriating trillions of dollars from overseas and millions of jobs back, manufacturing jobs, great jobs here in the state of Michigan and that really affects--and Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi and and Debbie Stabenow have been fighting that every step of the way and Michiganders are tired of partisan politics and want results not more rhetoric.” [YouTube, John James, Fox News, ‘Fox & Friends’, 12/27/17] (VIDEO)

**James: “I Supported The GOP-Led Tax Reform Because It Means Tax Relief For The Backbone Of The American Economy; Working Families And Small Businesses.”** [Twitter, @JohnJamesMI, 2/26/18]

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**CNBC: “That’s Largely Due To The \$1.5 Trillion GOP Tax Cut President Donald Trump Signed Into Law In 2017.”** [CNBC, [12/5/19](#)]

**Axios: “4 Pharma Companies Saved \$7 Billion From GOP Tax Law.”** [Axios, [4/9/19](#)]

**U.S. News And World Report: GOP Tax Bill Rewards Real Estate, Oil While Hurting Hospitals.”** [U.S. News and World Report, [1/1/18](#)]

**The GOP Tax Law Was A Corporate Tax Giveaway That Benefitted The Highest Wage Earners.** “In A tax-bill saga full of clarifying moments, there was one particularly eloquent expression of Republican priorities. First, Republicans refused to fund Florida Sen. Marco Rubio’s plan to expand tax benefits for low-income families because he proposed paying for it by dropping the corporate tax rate to merely 21 percent rather than 20 percent. Then, in final negotiations on the bill, they adopted the 21 percent rate Mr. Rubio had sought, after all - and used the savings not to help needy families or to lessen the bill’s impact on the national debt but to lower the top income tax rate for the highest wage earners.” [Washington Post, Editorial, 12/16/17]

## ...WHILE ADDING OVER \$1.9 TRILLION TO OUR NATION'S DEBT...

**According To The Congressional Budget Office, The GOP Tax Law Would Increase The Debt By \$1.9 Trillion.** “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

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**U.S. News And World Report Headline: “After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights On Medicare, Social Security.”** [U.S. News & World Report, [12/7/17](#)]

**U.S. News & World Report: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.”** [U.S. News & World Report, [12/7/17](#)]

- **New York Times: “Marco Rubio...[Told] Business Leaders That The Tax Cuts Were Just The First Step; The Next Is To Reshape Social Security And Medicare For Future Retirees.”** [New York Times, [12/2/17](#)]
- **Paul Ryan: “We’re Going To Have To Get Back Next Year At Entitlement Reform, Which Is How You Tackle The Debt And The Deficit...It’s The Health Care Entitlements That Are The Big Drivers Of Our Debt.”** [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

**New York Times: With The Federal Deficit Growing And President Trump Talking Another Tax Cut, McConnell Signaled He Wanted To Reform Medicare And Social Security To Address Ballooning Federal Deficit.** “With the federal deficit growing and President Trump suddenly talking about another tax cut, the conversation in Washington has turned to the inevitable question of how — or whether — Congress will engage in any type of fiscal discipline. [...] ‘It’s disappointing, but it’s not a Republican problem,’ Mr. McConnell told Bloomberg News in an interview. ‘It’s a bipartisan problem: unwillingness to address the real drivers of the debt by doing anything to adjust those programs to the demographics of America in the future.’ That is code for wanting to tackle entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security, which Republicans say need to be reined in to address the ballooning federal deficit.” [New York Times, [10/26/18](#)]

**AARP: GOP Tax Bill Will Likely Lead To “Dramatic Cuts” To Medicare And Medicaid And Other Programs Serving Older Americans.** “We remain deeply concerned by the negative effect the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will have on the nation’s ability to fund critical priorities. The tax legislation will increase the deficit by approximately \$1.5 trillion over the next ten years, and an unknown amount beyond 2027. The large increase in the deficit will inevitably lead to calls for greater spending cuts, which are likely to include dramatic cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and other important programs serving older Americans.” [AARP, Press Release, [12/18/17](#)]

- **AARP: Senate GOP Tax Plan Would Increase Taxes On More Than 5 Million Seniors.** “A new analysis by AARP’s Public Policy Institute finds that Americans 65 and older would be hard hit, with 1.2 million of them paying higher taxes in 2019, and 5.2 million facing increases by 2027. More than 5 million taxpayers over 65 would get no tax break whatever in 2019, and 5.6 million would not see their taxes decrease by 2027.” [AARP, [11/30/17](#)]