

From: Congresswoman Lori Trahan <Rep.LoriTrahan@mail.house.gov> To: David.todisco@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST Fighting For Seniors Date: Mon, 28 Oct 2019 18:11:40 -0400 Representative Trahan is joined in Acton, Massachusetts with seniors to discuss legislation before congress related to Social Security and Medicare. Friend -- I care about our Seniors. One of my top priorities in Congress is advocating on behalf of important issues that impact our senior citizens. Growing up, my dad was a union ironworker my mom worked multiple part-time jobs to help raise my three sisters and me. I know first-hand the importance of fighting to protect federal programs that put the interests of working families ahead of tax cuts for the wealthy. That's why I am fighting to protect Social Security, expand Medicare, defend protections for people with preexisting conditions, lower prescription drug prices, and ensure that Americans can retire with both their dignity and their pensions intact. In the service of those goals, I've been proud to be working on some of the following pieces of legislation in Washington: The Older Americans Act (OAA) Originally passed in 1965, funding for the Older Americans Act (OAA) has not kept pace with the growth of the American population over the age of 60. In 2010, OAA funding was \$42.95 per senior in today's dollars. Today, it is just \$27.25 per senior. I am committed to increasing funding for critical services and care to aging Americans and will be supporting this bill when it comes up for a vote. Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019 Currently, prescription drug companies often charge Americans three, four, or even ten times more for their prescriptions than what they charge for the same drugs in other countries. The Lower Drug Costs Now Act would level the playing field for American patients and taxpayers by giving all Americans access to lower drug prices negotiated by the federal government. The SECURE Act of 2019 The SECURE Act of 2019 is a major piece of bipartisan legislation that will benefit seniors throughout the country if signed into law. This bill would expand and preserve retirement savings, provide administrative improvements to the IRS and related agencies, as well as improve revenue provisions for retirement. The Social Security 2100 Act The Social Security 2100 Act will strengthen the Social Security program by giving beneficiaries a boost in their monthly benefits, while assuring the program is stable and sufficient for current and future generations. Social Security Fairness Act The Social Security Fairness Act would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision, provision which is short-changing beneficiaries. We must ensure fairness when it comes to government employees like teachers, firefighters, and police officers accessing the benefits they've earned. Disability Integration Act This legislation prohibits the government from denying community-based services to individuals with disabilities that require long-term service. This bill requires government entities and insurance providers to provide community-based services to individuals with such disabilities. These regulations also require the government to ensure affordable, accessible, and integrated housing that is not disability-accessible, providing seniors a better quality of life. The Strengthening Health Care and Lower Prescription Drug Costs Act I was proud to support this legislation, which also passed in the House of Representatives. This bill takes major steps toward making prescription drugs more affordable.

It targets generic drug "parking," ensuring that generic drugs get to the market faster than they have in the past. It also bans brand-name drug manufacturers from making agreements to delay generic products from entering the market.

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