

SUPPORT THE SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME RESTORATION ACT OF 2021

Contact Your U.S. Senators and Representatives and urge their support!

SSI is meant to reduce extreme poverty among the elderly, people who are blind, and people who are disabled. **S.2065** (in the Senate), and **H.R.3763** and **H.R.3824** (in the House of Representatives) "amend title XVI of the Social Security Act to update eligibility for the Supplemental Security Income program, and for other purposes."

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

SSI limits eligibility for benefits on the basis of not only income, but the assets of a person, such as savings and other resources, which limits their preparedness for a medical emergency or unanticipated expense. The Social Security Administration monitors these resources and, in any month that an individual is deemed to have more than **\$2000** in total financial resources, they must **pay back the entire SSI income for that month.**



These limits have not been adjusted for inflation since 1989.

THE SSI RESTORATION ACT OF 2021 WILL:



- Raise SSI asset limits from **\$2,000** to **\$10,000** for an **individual**, and **\$3,000** to **\$20,000** for a **couple**, and **index those thresholds to inflation**
- Raise monthly disability income to the poverty level
- Update SSI income eligibility limits

- Repeal the marriage penalty
- Promote marriage equality by striking the language "a husband and wife" each place it appears and inserting "two married individuals"



AND MORE!



The bills do NOT address how to help people who have outstanding penalties, which compound and extend the inequities and injustice of the outdated limits.

WHEN CONTACTING YOUR SENATORS AND REPS, URGE THEM TO ADD AN AMENDMENT WHICH FORGIVES OUTSTANDING PENALTIES.

18 Senators have co-sponsored the bill in the Senate, including **Senators Markey** and **Warren**. The bills in the House of Representatives have 38 co-sponsors. Western Mass **U.S. Reps McGovern** and **Neal** are **NOT** among them.

The SSI Restoration Act of 2021 is life-changing, and long overdue! **Contact your legislators today and urge their support!**



Elders, adults and children with disabilities, all facing extreme poverty, depend on **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)**. Thanks to outdated, strict **asset limits**, they are in danger each month of losing that safety net.

Support the SSI Restoration Act of 2021



SSI is meant to reduce extreme poverty among the elderly and people with disabilities, but it limits eligibility for benefits on the basis not only of income, but of the assets of a family, such as savings and other resources.

**These limits have not been adjusted
for inflation since 1989—
32 years ago.**

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