



## **Helping Seniors Retire with Dignity**

Protecting essential programs that seniors depend on, including Social Security and Medicare, is to fulfill an obligation to all Americans: that if you work hard and pay your taxes, these programs will be there for you in your retirement. That's why Representative Aguilar has consistently fought to preserve these programs, from cosponsoring legislation to expand Social Security benefits to hosting important constituent service events that directly connect residents with federal agencies like Medicare or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Protecting and Strengthening Medicare**

- ✓ Opposed proposals that would reduce Medicare coverage, increase costs for seniors on fixed incomes, or raise the retirement age.
- ✓ Voted against the Republican Budget that would end Medicare as we know it. The Republican Budget would have transformed Medicare into a voucher program that would force seniors to pay thousands of dollars more for the same coverage they have today.
- ✓ Stood up to the Administration and opposed cuts to Medicare Advantage. Nearly 60 percent of San Bernardino County's seniors are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan.

### **Expanding Medicare Benefits**

- ✓ Cosponsored legislation to expand Medicare to cover care, exams, and medical devices for eyes, ears, and teeth – all of which are not currently covered by Medicare.
- ✓ Supported legislation to repeal the caps that limit outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy services for seniors on Medicare.

### **Making Social Security Work for Seniors Today and in the Future**

- ✓ Voted against the Republican Budget that called for cuts to Social Security.
- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 1391, the Social Security 2100 Act, which increases the longevity of Social Security by ensuring that everyone pays their fair share into the program while they are working to extend the life of the Social Security Trust Funds.
- ✓ The Social Security 2100 Act also improves the formula for calculating cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) that more accurately reflects the costs that seniors deal with every day so COLAs will be more dependable each year.
- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 973, the Social Security Fairness Act, which corrects an unfair disparity affecting thousands of public employee retirees in the Inland Empire to ensure that seniors receive the full benefits they've earned and deserve, regardless of whether they were public or private employees.

### **Protecting Seniors from Identity Theft**

- ✓ Voted for legislation that would remove Social Security numbers from Medicare cards to protect seniors from identify theft, which was signed into law.

### **Serving Seniors in Our Community**

- ✓ Hosted senior fairs in 2015 and 2016 to serve the Inland Empire senior community with critical resources, including help with Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits and more. The events also hosted local organizations that assisted seniors with information on food programs and provided free health screenings.
- ✓ Returned over \$2 million in benefits to residents seeking help with federal agencies in his first term in office.