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THE DEMOCRATS' MEDICARE CUTS

How Democrats Threatened Medicare and Put Seniors at Risk

- Under the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Act of 2010, legislation enacted into law that increases mandatory spending can trigger automatic cuts to Medicare and other programs to offset the new spending.
- The partisan \$1.9 trillion bailout bill enacted by Democrats triggers cuts to Medicare year-over-year for the next decade – **including a cut of \$36 billion beginning in 2022.**
- Republicans repeatedly warned Democrats that their partisan actions threatened cuts to Medicare.

H.R. 1868, The Democrat “Fix”

- Step 1: Ignore analysis showing the U.S. economy is already improving and dismiss Republican concerns about how the \$1.9 trillion bailout bill will cause \$36 billion in cuts to Medicare next year.
- Step 2: Within 48 hours of passing a \$1.9 trillion bailout bill, agree with Republican concerns and introduce a resolution to **“fix” the Medicare problem by pretending \$1.9 trillion in deficit spending is not happening.**

H.R. 1999, The Protect Seniors and Cut Waste Act

- Introduced by Ranking Members Smith, Brady, McMorris Rodgers, and Comer
- Stands against a bailout that prioritizes the political class over America’s working class.
- **Protects seniors and prevents cuts by removing waste in the Democrats’ bailout bill.**
- Cuts waste, not seniors’ Medicare, by:
 - Stopping benefits and payments to prisoners and illegal immigrants.
 - Stopping funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities.
 - Stopping special handouts for federal employees.
 - Rescinding billions in bailouts that go to state governments who do not need it and that reward continued lockdowns.
- Provides additional targeted funding for health care providers on the frontlines battling COVID-19.