

**"We must keep our promise to America's seniors and ensure the solvency of Medicare and Social Security for retirees in the future."**

--Congressman Mike Pence

Social Security and Medicare must be saved and strengthened for future retirees. Congress must work in a bipartisan fashion to enact commonsense reforms so that we ensure that these programs are available and strengthened for future generations.

### **Social Security**

Social Security is a covenant between the American government and American retirees. Our nation's senior citizens have paid into the Social Security system their whole life with the promise that it would be there for them when they retire. I intend to keep this promise, not only to those Americans who currently rely on Social Security, but also to those Americans who are nearing retirement and will be relying on this program to meet their retirement budgets.

### **Medicare**

Medicare has played an important role in improving the quality of life for many Hoosier retirees. However, the current system for funding this program is broken. Because of the pay-as-you-go funding structure of Medicare, the total cost of the program has skyrocketed since it began in 1965. Medicare spending continues to grow by more than 7 percent each year. If we fail to put this program on a fiscally sustainable path, we risk breaking our promise to America's future retirees.

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