

STANDING UP FOR OLDER AMERICANS



LOWERING DRUG PRICES

Orange County families are struggling to afford sky-high drug prices. **Rep. Porter helped pass the *Inflation Reduction Act* into law, which will allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors to \$2,000 annually.**

Drug companies claim they need to charge astronomical prices to pay for research and development—even though they spend billions more on stock buybacks and dividends to enrich their executives and shareholders. By repeatedly exposing Big Pharma's lies, **Rep. Porter is pushing Congress towards real solutions, like her *Freedom From Price Gouging Act*, which recovers taxpayer dollars from Big Pharma companies that unfairly hike prices.**



STRENGTHENING MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Stopping unfair penalties on seniors: Seniors are currently subject to a 10% penalty for each year they delay enrolling in Medicare Part B. Rep. Porter introduced the bipartisan *Medicare Economic Security Solutions Act* to protect seniors from this unfair charge that's been handcuffing older Americans to higher bills for life.

Fighting Medicare privatization: In 2020, Medicare recipients were shifted—without their consent—to plans managed by private entities, including for-profit insurers. Rep. Porter pushed back to secure important changes to this program. She continues to speak up about what needs to be done to protect patients.

Shoring up Social Security: If Congress doesn't act, Americans will see a 20% cut in Social Security benefits in 2034.¹ Rep. Porter champions the *Social Security 2100 Act*, which would put more money in Americans' pockets, eliminate waiting periods for people with disabilities, and prevent benefit cuts.



Using her whiteboard, Rep. Porter demonstrated how a pharmaceutical company prioritizes stock buybacks and dividends over research and development. Watch a recording at <https://bit.ly/KPBigPharma> (this link is case sensitive!)



In case you missed it, Rep. Porter went live on Facebook with experts from AARP and the Federal Trade Commission to discuss common scams against seniors and what to do if you or a loved one is targeted. Watch a recording at <https://bit.ly/KPSeniorScams> (this link is case sensitive!)



CRACKING DOWN ON SCAMS AGAINST SENIORS

Keeping older Americans safe from fraud: According to the FBI, older Americans were scammed out of more than \$1 billion in 2020, with Medicare beneficiaries being a primary target. Rep. Porter is leading efforts to bolster the Senior Medicare Patrol program to protect older Americans from these swindlers.

Protecting seniors eager to participate in our democracy: Fraudulent organizations posing as political groups or charities rake in millions each year from older Americans. Rep. Porter is spearheading the bipartisan *Stop Scam PACs Act* to crack down on such cons.

Check the Facts: 1. <https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TR/2021/tr2021.pdf>.
2. <https://porter.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=174>.

REP. KATIE PORTER IS LEADING EFFORTS TO HELP OLDER AMERICANS THRIVE AS THEY AGE



A NOTE FROM KATIE PORTER

Dear neighbor,

Older Americans are important members of our community. Every senior contributes to the vibrancy that makes Orange County a great place to live.

Advocating for older adults is one of my top priorities. My bipartisan legislation to help more Americans deduct high medical expenses from federal taxes was signed into law. I've also convened experts for a Congressional roundtable on the barriers seniors face in housing.

I'm spearheading bipartisan legislation to make it easier for Americans to age at home. My *Family Savings for Kids and Seniors Act* would more than double the amount families can set aside pre-tax to pay for elder care, while my *Homecare for Seniors Act* would lower out-of-pocket costs for at-home health care services.²

I'm focused on strengthening Medicare and Social Security, cracking down on scams against seniors, and lowering drug prices—because every American should get to age with dignity.

It's an honor to be your voice in Washington. **Please contact our office with any questions or suggestions on how I can best serve you.**

Very truly yours,

Katie Porter
U.S. Representative

Rep. Porter regularly hosts town halls and other events that focus primarily on the needs of older Americans in Orange County.



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We can help Orange County families get answers from federal agencies, including the Social Security Administration, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Affairs, and more!

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