



## **AJR 8, Kalra, Supporting Social Security, Medicare, & Medicaid**

### **What is AJR 8, and why do we need it?**

Assembly Joint Resolution AJR 8 calls upon California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts and proposals to privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, and calls on the President of the United States to veto any legislation to cut or privatize these programs. It also calls upon the President and Congress to work together to expand and improve these programs.

Over 15 million Californians, both adults and children, depend on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid for their healthcare and their economic survival.

One in three Californians, and one in two California children depend on Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid program. Virtually all long-term care in California is paid by Medi-Cal.

California has the largest number of Medicare beneficiaries of any state — 4.5 million enrollees — and as the population ages, the percentage of Californians covered by Medicare will continue to rise. 79% reported having two or more chronic conditions, and 37% reported four or more.

One in seven California residents receives Social Security: elders, people with disabilities, spousal survivors, and children of deceased parents.

Some of California's Congressional Districts that are most dependent on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security have US Representatives that are hostile to these programs.

### **Where is AJR 8 in the legislative process?**

**Passed both Assembly and Senate. Governor's signature not needed.**

## **What Can You Do to Help Pass AJR 8?**

Contact your US Congressional representatives. (Find them at [http:// bit.ly/CA\\_reps.](http://bit.ly/CA_reps))

Tell them that the California Legislature is advising them to vote against any measures to cut or privatize Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. In fact, the Legislature advises them to vote for measures that improve and expand these programs.

Tell them that their constituents depend on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security for their health and to keep them out of poverty, homelessness, and utter despair.