

U.S. SENATOR BOB CASEY



RANKING MEMBER *Special Committee on Aging*

The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging was first established in 1961 and granted permanent status on February 1, 1977, as a bipartisan Committee focused on issues facing older Americans.

The U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging has served as a focal point in the Senate for discussion and debate on matters relating to older Americans; including Medicare, Social Security, the Older Americans Act, disabilities, retirement security and employment opportunities for older Americans. The Committee studies issues, holds hearings, issues reports, conducts oversight of programs that impact the aging community and makes recommendations for legislation to the Senate. In addition, the Committee publishes materials to assist older Americans and those interested in public policies related to the elderly.



U.S. Senator Bob Casey meets with Mae Krier, one of the original Rosie the Riveteers who served our Nation during World War II.

Senator Casey's Leadership Role

As the Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, Senator Casey is able to shape the Committee's agenda and advocate for Pennsylvania's seniors. He stands up for middle class families to protect programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. He works to ensure that every American family, no matter the zip code in which they live or the income they earn, has the peace of mind to know that they can retire with health and financial security. As an Aging Committee leader, Senator Casey is bringing Pennsylvania leaders to Washington, D.C., and issues important to Pennsylvania seniors to the policy-making table. He is working on a wide variety of topics; including protecting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, preventing seniors from becoming the target of a financial scam, promoting retirement security, supporting caregivers, making our communities age-friendly and helping grandparents raising grandchildren.

Senator Casey's Record of Fighting for Seniors

As the Ranking Member on the Senate Special Committee on Aging, a member of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Senator Casey works tirelessly on issues important to seniors.

- Protected Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security from efforts to cut, voucher or privatize them.
- Secured permanent health benefits for retired coal miners, honoring an obligation of lifetime care for risking personal safety to secure a better life for their families.
- Introduced the Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act, which was signed into law in 2018, to create a one-stop-shop of resources for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Prevented increases in Medicare Part B premiums to help protect seniors living on fixed incomes.
- Helped secure \$2.34 billion in funding for Alzheimer's and dementia research for Fiscal Year 2019 – an increase of \$425 million over the Fiscal Year 2018 level.
- Introduced legislation to increase price transparency in prescription drugs. The legislation was passed by the Senate Finance Committee as part of the Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019.
- Helped seniors and their families make informed decisions about nursing home care by exposing some of the most troubled nursing homes to the public for the first time ever.
- Introduced legislation to protect jobs for older workers by ensuring employers do not discriminate based on age.



U.S. Senator Bob Casey meets with advocates in Washington, D.C. fighting for affordable senior housing.