

Rep. Tom Reed's 2013 Voting Record on Retired/Seniors Issues

Rep. Tom Reed has earned an 11% rating from the Alliance for Retired Americans in 2013. They identified 10 bills that “protected the health and economic security of seniors, strengthen families and build safe and thriving communities.” Our congressman voted to support Retired/Senior Citizens on ONE of the these bills. He voted against the interests of Retired/Senior Citizens the 8 of them, and was absent for the tenth vote. His lifetime score for Retired Senior Citizens’ Issues is six percent. Rep. Reed’s Scores are the second lowest of the congress members from New York State. The lowest score was earned by neighboring congressman, Rep. Chris Collins (R-27).

Reed’s only positive vote was against an amendment to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 that would **cut Legal Services Corporation (LSC) funding by \$1 million**. Many seniors rely on the LSC for vital help in areas such as eligibility for benefits and housing, and, remember that Reed himself is a lawyer and has received over \$84,000 from lawyers and law firms for this campaign. (H.R. 152, Roll Call No. 18, January 15, 2013.)

Rep. Reed voted:

- ★ AGAINST a Senate-passed budget resolution, which **did not cut Social Security or Medicare benefits, or increase costs to beneficiaries**. In addition, the law would repeal the 2011 spending sequester process, which contained automatic cuts to many seniors programs. (H.Con.Res. 25, Roll Call No. 83, March 20, 2013.)
- ★ AGAINST a resolution that proposed **to raise revenues by closing tax loopholes for high income earners and create Medicare savings** by requiring pharmaceutical companies to pay rebates for low-income beneficiaries. The measure did not cut Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid benefits. (H.Con.Res. 25, Roll Call No. 87, March 20, 2013.)
- ★ FOR a budget resolution that replaces the guaranteed benefits of Medicare with a privatized system. If this bill became law, Medicare would be **privatized, voucher-like payments would go to insurance companies and seniors would have significantly higher out of pocket costs**. (H.Con.Res. 25, Roll Call No. 88, March 21, 2013)
- ★ FOR a bill that would permit **employers to institute compensatory time instead of cash** under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Many seniors must work and need their earned wages to meet daily economic demands.(H.R. 1406, Roll Call No. 137, May 8, 2013.)

- ★ FOR legislation that would **repeal** several pro-retiree provisions including the **elimination of co-pays and deductibles for preventive care screenings and an annual wellness checkups**. His vote would also **repeal** the **closing of the Part D doughnut hole coverage gap**. (H.R. 45, Roll Call No. 154, May 16, 2013.)
- ★ AGAINST an amendment to a farm bill that would **restore \$20.5 billion in cuts to the SNAP food nutrition program**. Many seniors rely on SNAP funds to meet their basic nutritional needs and would otherwise lose benefits. (H.R. 1947, Roll Call No. 256, June 19, 2013.)
- ★ FOR another bill that would again **repeal** several health care reform pro-retiree provisions including the **elimination of co-pays and deductibles for preventive care screenings and an annual wellness checkup**. The law also included the **closing of the Part D doughnut hole coverage gap**. (H.R. 2009, Roll Call No. 447, August 2, 2013.)
- ★ AGAINST a bill to **end a 15 day government shutdown and permit Congress pay the nation's bills**. The bill would fund the government through January 15, 2014, and extended the debt-ceiling through February 7, 2014. During the shutdown, **many vital services were unavailable to seniors and all Americans**. (H.R. 2775, Roll Call No. 550, October 16, 2013.)