

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0029R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Jones

Cosponsored by:

Introduced and adopted: July 21, 2025

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for Federal and State Action – Protect Social Security Offices, Medicare, and Medicaid

FOR the purpose of expressing the opposition of the City Council to closing and cutting staff at local Social Security Administration offices; expressing the opposition of the City Council to cutting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits; and urging the Congress of the United States to protect the public's access to Social Security by passing HR 1876, the Keeping Our Field Offices Open Act, HR 1877, the Protecting Americans' Social Security Data Act, and HR 1700/S 770, the Social Security Expansion Act.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Social Security offices and employees have served the public and offered the best protection against the struggles of poverty since 1935.

WHEREAS, Social Security offices and programs are closely tied to supporting America's veterans, as 9.7 million Social Security beneficiaries and 20% of all local Social Security Administration staff are veterans.

WHEREAS, older Americans in need of Social Security are a growing demographic, as more than 11,000 Americans reach retirement age every day.

WHEREAS, the current administration is cutting Social Security staff and funding to lower taxes for the wealthy, causing staffing at the Social Security Administration to fall to a 50-year low while workloads have increased.

WHEREAS, cutting funding and staff leads to the closing of neighborhood Social Security offices, which millions of Americans depend on for filing for benefits, resolving issues with payments, generating Social Security numbers, acquiring replacement Social Security cards, and submitting documents and applications for retirement, disability, and Social Security benefits.

WHEREAS, the current administration's sweeping budget and coverage cuts to fund tax cuts for the wealthy presents a risk to the quality of care for the over 79 million Americans receiving Medicaid and 68 million Americans served by Medicare.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
2 Council is opposed to closing and cutting staff at local Social Security offices and supports
3 robust staffing at local Social Security Administration facilities to serve the public in a timely

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1 and effective manner.

2 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council is opposed to Federal and State cuts to
3 Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security benefits.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council urges the Congress of the United
5 States to pass HR 1876, the Keeping Our Field Offices Open Act; HR 1877, the Protecting
6 Americans' Social Security Data Act; and HR 1700/S 770, the Social Security Expansion Act.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
8 Governor, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of
9 Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House delegations to the United States Congress, the
10 Baltimore City Senate and House delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the Attorney
11 General of the United States Department of Justice, the Secretary of the United States
12 Department of Labor, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Labor, the Comptroller of
13 Maryland, the Baltimore City Inspector General, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Older
14 Adults Affairs and Advocacy, the President of the Metropolitan Baltimore Council of AFL-CIO,
15 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.