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## **President Announces New and Enhanced Initiatives to Support Older Americans**

**by Nora Super, Executive Director**

The [President's 2016 Budget](#) will help ensure that older Americans enjoy not only longer but healthier lives. The Budget makes a number of commitments to enhance, advance, and create opportunity for older Americans, especially in the four focus areas of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging: retirement security, healthy aging, long-term care services and supports, and elder justice.

Let me say a little about a few of the Budget items in each area of focus:

To enhance retirement security, the President is committed to ensuring that Social Security is solvent and viable for the American people, now and in the future. The Administration will oppose any measures that privatize or weaken the Social Security system and will not accept an approach that slashes benefits for future generations or reduces basic benefits for current beneficiaries.

Additionally, as many as 78 million working Americans - about half the workforce - don't have a retirement savings plan at [\[Read More\]](#)

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