Matt Mowers strongly backed a plan to raise the Social Security and Medicare retirement age to 69, cut Social Security benefits for current retirees by as much as fourteen hundred dollars a year, and would have cut benefits for some seniors entirely.

April 2015: Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie’s “Entitlement Reform” Platform As “Courageous.” Mowers tweeted, “RT @juliana4ncw @GovChristie gave a courageous speech on entitlement reform this morning @nhiop #FITN #NHPolitics” [Twitter, @mowers, 4/14/15]

April 2015: Mowers Joined Governor Chris Christie At An Event Where Christie Laid Out His 12-Point Entitlement Reform Plan To Raise The Retirement Age, Eliminate Social Security Benefits For Some Seniors And Reduce Them For Others. “Governor Christie spent his first day in New Hampshire pitching overhauls to Social Security and federal health care, visiting a pizzeria and courting Republicans during what appeared to be a campaign trip in all but name. Christie, who said Tuesday that he will likely announce his presidential intentions in May or June, will spend four days this week in The Granite State, which hosts the first presidential primary. Later this week, 19 Republicans - including three declared presidential candidates and others like Christie who are considering a run - will be in New Hampshire for a state GOP summit. Christie worked Tuesday to set himself apart from his GOP rivals, detailing a 12-point plan that includes reducing Social Security benefits for retirees earning more than $80,000 and eliminating them for those earning more than $200,000. During his remarks at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College, Christie also called for increasing the retirement age for Social Security to 69 and to 64 for early retirement. And he wants to gradually increase the eligibility age for Medicare to 67 by 2040. It now is at 65. […] The governor's events were organized by his political action
committee, Leadership Matters for America, and Samantha Smith, the group's communications director, and Matt Mowers, the New Hampshire director, also were with him all day.” [Bergen County Record, 4/15/15]

Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie For His “Truth Bombs” Regarding “Entitlement Reform” During The August 2015 Republican Debate. Mowers tweeted, “#nhpolitics #fitn RT @guypbenson: Truth bombs from Christie on entitlement reform. Very important issue. Gotta face reality. #GOPdebate” [Twitter, @mowers, 8/6/15]

Mowers Tweeted Out A Letter To The Editor Praising Governor Chris Christie’s Social Security Reform Plan. Mowers tweeted a letter by former New Hampshire House Speaker Donna Sytek praising Governor Chris Christie’s Social Security plan and wrote, “Read fmr Speaker @DonnaSytek's letter to the editor about @ChrisChristie's entitlement reform plan #nhpolitics #fitn” [Twitter, @mowers, 4/27/15]
Mowers Praised Governor Chris Christie For “Confronting The Entitlement Crisis.” Mowers tweeted, “#nhpolitics #TellItLikeItIs RT @ChrisChristie: Talked to @mattbai yesterday about confronting the entitlement crisis http://goo.gl/7BmEol” [Twitter, @mowers, 4/14/15]

Mowers Touted Governor Chris Christie’s April 2015 Speech On Social Security. Mowers tweeted, “RT @nhiop: Governor Chris Christie will give a policy speech on entitlement reform at the Institute on Tuesday, April 14. #nhpolitics” [Twitter, @mowers, 4/8/15]

Mowers Tweeted That Governor Chris Christie’s Speech On “Entitlements” Drew A “Packed House.” Mowers tweeted, “RT @JoshMcElveen: In NH @saintanselm Chris Christie draws packed house for speech on entitlements. #nhpolitics #fitn” [Twitter, @mowers, 4/14/15]

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Governor Chris Christie’s Entitlement Reform Plan Would Raise The Medicare Retirement Age To 69 Years Old. “Raising The Eligibility Age At A Gradual Rate: Just as with Social Security, the Medicare program must be adjusted to reflect the longer, healthier and more productive lives Americans are living. Governor Christie proposes increasing the Medicare eligibility by one month per year so that by 2040 it would be 67 years old, and by 2064 would be 69 years old.” [Chris Christie for President via Archive.org, cached 7/1/15]

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Using Chained CPI To Calculate Social Security Benefits Would Reduce Benefits For Current Retirees By An Average Of Almost $1,400 A Year Over Time. “The National Committee is concerned that a proposal to move to a chained CPI for Social Security benefits may be considered an option for balancing the budget and cutting Social Security benefits. In fact, the House Republican Study Committee’s FY 2019 Substitute Budget Resolution included switching to the chained CPI for cost-of-living adjustments, increasing the full retirement age to 70 and indexing it for life expectancy. This proposal will reduce benefits for current and future retirees, while increasing their taxes. […] Replacing the current CPI-W with the chained-CPI-U for purposes of calculating the Social Security COLA will reduce benefits for current and future beneficiaries. The chained-CPI-U produces lower estimates of inflation than the current CPI does, averaging about 0.3 percentage points lower than the increases in the current CPI since December 2000. The Chief Actuary of the Social Security Administration estimates that after three years of enactment this reduced COLA would result in a decrease of about $130 per year (0.9 percent) in benefits for a typical 65 year-old. By the time that senior reaches 95, the annual benefit cut will be almost $1400, a 9.2 percent reduction from currently scheduled benefits.” [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, 1/22/19]

Governor Chris Christie’s Social Security Plan Would “Phase Out Benefits Entirely For Those That Have $200,000 A Year Of Other Income.” “Future retirees with income - outside of SS benefits - up to $80,000 a year will receive full regular benefits. ○ Future retirees with income of $80,000 or more will receive benefits on a sliding scale, and benefits phase out entirely for those that have $200,000 a year of other income. ○ For couples, these
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