

# - Congress is PAST DUE - It is Time for ACTION - Sign the Petition

Dear Senior American,

### IT'S NOT FAIR!

During all of your working years, you were legally required to pay FICA taxes into the Social Security program so when it was time for you to receive the full benefits you earned and were promised – that money [YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS] would be there!

Congress has the <u>duty and responsibility</u> to make good on faithfully executing this promise to you, and all eligible Seniors. <u>But they have taken too long</u> to respond to Seniors and Retirees demands for full protection of our income and a guarantee that future benefits will be paid in full.

Now that the 2020 budget calls for \$26 Billion of Social Security cuts (that's a reduction of \$384 per beneficiary next year), lawmakers no longer believe they have an obligation to pay Seniors and Retirees the full benefits we deserve! To them, <u>our benefits are not sacred</u> -- the promise to us doesn't have to be honored -- our benefits don't need to be paid in full.

Washington sees under-paying us [CUTTING OUR BENEFITS] as a viable tool to help push the economy along and reduce the national debt on the backs of Seniors! THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!

This is why, in response to proposals that will...

- Steal money from the Social Security Trust Fund
- Grant Social Security benefits to illegal aliens
- Use the wrong calculations to determine our cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)
- Oppose guaranteeing our future Social Security benefits in full
- Raise the retirement age to deny access to our benefits
- Eliminate and/or reduce our benefits based on need (means testing)

...The Senior Citizen Association Of America (TSCAA) is urgently working to gather 1,000 signatures from Seniors and Retirees in your state and Congressional District for the sole purpose of having an impact in this Congress by shifting the debate and fighting back!

Will you please sign and return to me the enclosed **PAST DUE PETITION TO CONGRESS?** It is addressed to your Representative and it needs your signature. Return it to me, and when you do, will you make a gift to TSCAA of \$10, \$12, \$15 or more to help this urgent, national campaign?

Let's show your Representative that Congress is **PAST DUE** in providing America's Seniors and Retirees with the **necessary protections** for our earned and promised benefits and <u>we want this matter</u> <u>corrected in the next 90 days!</u>

Your petition, once you've signed and returned it, will be presented to Congress on behalf of you,

me, and other Senior Americans and Retirees. And we will deliver this message, loud and clear:

"The federal government has passed laws forcing Americans to pay into the Social Security retirement system during our working years – and now that we have paid in, the government MUST PROTECT AND GUARANTEE our Social Security income. Congress is PAST DUE in passing legislation that will make this promise to Seniors and Retirees, <u>legally binding!</u>"

Congress has damaged Social Security and the Trust Fund [our future benefits] by allowing Billions of dollars to be taken out of the Trust Fund and spent on things like... 2015's Trust Fund raid of \$150 Billion to fund a deal between Speaker Boehner and President Obama -- and, 2014's executive order on Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA) which granted 5 million illegal aliens Social Security benefits... estimated at \$20 Billion per year! THIS IS WRONG!

Congress has not carried out its fiduciary responsibility to Seniors and Retirees. For the last 10 years, Congress has given Seniors a dismal cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) because the WRONG FORMULA was used to calculate our COLA increase and it is costing Senior Americans up to \$1,000 per year in income.

And, for the last 10 years, Seniors' purchasing power has sharply declined by 33% as the cost for prescription drugs, health care, energy, housing, and food have sky rocketed!

Congress hasn't passed legislation to help Seniors. Instead, they want "reform" by increasing in the retirement age, by eliminating benefits for those whom they think are "well off," and by expanding Social Security benefits to illegal aliens.

The truth is this: the money in the Social Security Trust Funds are our earned and promised benefits. We paid into the system. Now we demand that it be protected from proposals to cut, eliminate, pare back, or delay benefits to eligible Seniors. The PAST DUE petition I've enclosed for you to sign makes clear to your Representative that they must provide America's Seniors and Retirees with legal protections for our earned and promised benefits in the next 90 days!

Our goal is to gather and present 1,000 petitions to Representatives from each Congressional district. I hope I can count on you to add your name to this **PAST DUE petition.** When you do, will you also include a contribution of \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20 or more to help our campaign?

Fighting for Congress to protect our benefits!

David M. Coyne President

P.S. Please add your name to the **PAST DUE petition**! Although President Trump promised to "leave Social Security alone," it is widely reported that his advisors are looking at "entitlement reform proposals" which means reducing our Social Security benefits. Congress must realize that the money in the Social Security Trust Fund is our's. <u>It belongs to eligible Seniors and Retirees!</u>

<u>Congress is PAST DUE in fixing this problem</u>. Please sign and return your Petition to support this national campaign and make a donation to TSCAA of \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20 or more. **Help us demand your Representative fix this problem** in the next 90 days.



### **PAST DUE - NOTICE TO CONGRESS**

To the Special Attention Of: Representative Ralph Abraham, 05, Louisiana

**Petition Registered To:** 

Registered Petition No.:

**Requested Response Date:** 

## On Behalf of Senior Americans and Retirees A PAST DUE NOTICE AND PETITION

I, call on you to keep America's solemn promise to Seniors and Retirees

WHEREAS, The federal government passed laws forcing Americans, like me, to pay into the Social Security retirement system during our working years – and now that we have paid in, the government MUST PROTECT AND GUARANTEE my Social Security income. CONGRESS IS PAST DUE in passing legislation that will make this promise to Seniors and Retirees legally binding.

**WHEREAS**, Our government has the **DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY** to make good on faithfully executing the promises made to me, and all Senior Americans, who expect this solemn obligation to be honored.

**WHEREAS**, There is an alarming trend among lawmakers in Congress who see this promise and solemn obligation to pay Seniors and Retirees the benefits we deserve **AS SOMETHING THAT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE HONORED**, **NOR DOES IT HAVE TO BE PAID IN FULL**.

#### WHEREAS, IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS THAT WILL...

- Steal money from the Social Security Trust Fund and grant Social Security benefits to illegal aliens
- Use the wrong calculations to determine our Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs)
- Oppose guaranteeing our future Social Security benefits
- Raise the retirement age and deny access to our benefits or reduce benefits based on need

**BE IT RESOLVED, I STATE MY STRONG OPPOSITION** to these and other measures to cut, harm, roll back, delay or in any way deplete the earned and promised benefits due to me and all eligible Senior Americans and Retirees and I categorically reject "means testing" for benefits.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CONGRESS IS PAST DUE in providing America's Seniors and Retirees with the <u>needed and necessary</u>, <u>legal protections</u> for our earned and promised benefits. As my Representative in Congress, I demand that you provide me and other Seniors and Retirees with a legal guarantee for our full earned and promised benefits <u>IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS</u>.

Signed:	Date:
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The Senior Citizen Association Of America \* P.O. Box 96085, Washington, D.C. 20090

## PAST DUE CAMPAIGN - SUPPORT & DONATION FORM

YES, I'm returning my signed PAST DUE PETITION urging my Representative in Congress to keep America's solemn promise to Seniors and Retirees by OPPOSING SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM. I demand they provide me with a LEGAL GUARANTEE AND PROTECTIONS for my earned and promised Social Security benefits IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS.

\$10 \$12\* \$15 \$20 \$0 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Petition No.:** 

I hope you can sense the size of the challenge ahead of us and will consider giving \$12\* to help our urgent campaign. *Thank you!* 

**Requested Response Date:** 

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