



January 4, 2019

The Honorable John Larson
United States House of Representatives
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Larson,

We enthusiastically express our continued support for the Social Security 2100 Act.

Our Social Security system provides modest but essential economic support when a worker's wages are lost as the result of death, serious and permanent disability, or old age. Social Security has allowed millions of seniors, veterans, surviving spouses, people with disabilities, children, and others to maintain their standards of living and prevented destitution since its enactment in 1935. It is the most universal, secure and efficient pension plan around, but its benefits are modest by virtually any standard.

In addition to increasing benefits, your legislation increases Social Security's minimum benefit so that those who work a lifetime at low wages will not retire into poverty. It adopts a more accurate cost of living increase, so that Social Security's modest benefits don't erode in value with each passing year. It also increases the maximum tax threshold for non-Social Security income so individuals and families can keep more income in retirement. Also, it protects the most vulnerable populations, ensuring that increases in Social Security benefits do not result in a reduction in SSI benefits or loss of eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP. And it streamlines the program by combining Social Security's two trust funds, a reform that is long overdue.

By restoring Social Security to actuarial balance throughout the 21st century, your legislation will ensure that today's workers, including those just entering the workforce can have peace of mind – a sense of security – that they will receive all of the Social Security benefits they are earning with every paycheck.

Thank you for your visionary proposal and for all of your tireless work on behalf of current and future Social Security beneficiaries. We are excited to work with you on this and other important Social Security matters in your capacity as chair of the Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Altman".

Nancy J. Altman
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Lawson".

Alex Lawson
Executive Director