

STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY

...don't cut it.

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The Honorable Rep. John Larson
United States House of Representatives
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Larson,

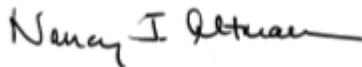
The Strengthen Social Security Coalition -- a broad based coalition of over 350 national and statewide organizations including labor, women's, disability, aging, veterans, and civil rights groups, representing more than 50 million Americans -- thanks you for your leadership in introducing the Social Security 2100 Act.

As you know, Social Security's benefits are crucial to America's workers, their families, and communities. And they are modest by virtually any standard, averaging just \$15,600 a year for retired workers and less for every other category of beneficiary. Therefore, our members agree with you that there's a clear imperative to broaden benefits for current and future beneficiaries, while ensuring the system's long-range solvency. Surveys show that the vast majority of Americans are on our side.

Like you, the Strengthen Social Security Coalition and those we represent believe strongly that, in light of a looming retirement income crisis, squeeze on America's families, and growing income inequality, Americans need Social Security more than ever. That's why benefits should be increased and certainly not cut further. We also believe that wealthier earners should contribute their fair share. We applaud your support of our Social Security system, and your recognition that it is the backbone of Americans' retirement security, as well as the most important -- and often only -- disability insurance and life insurance that America's working families have.

Thank you for your efforts to enhance and strengthen this extremely successful and important institution. We look forward to working with you on behalf of the millions of Americans who depend on it.

Sincerely,



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