

To the Social Security Trust Fund:

I, Congress, Owe YOU \$173.5 Billion for 2005.

Also, I.O.U. \$1.75 Trillion since 1968, leaving the Trust Fund no money.

YOU CAN'T FUND SOCIAL SECURITY WITH IOUs

**CONGRESS NEEDS TO BE TOLD THEY CANNOT RAID THE
SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND LIKE CHILDREN RAIDING A COOKIE JAR!**

Dear Patriotic American,

Do you believe that Social Security surpluses should be reserved for strengthening and preserving the Social Security Trust Fund?

Do you agree that preserving the Social Security surpluses would restore confidence in the long-term financial integrity of Social Security?

Are you concerned that as the aging population increases, the Government's obligations to provide retirement income and health services to our senior citizens will create an even bigger fiscal burden than we have today?

What if I told you that something as simple, yet significant, as adding your name to a petition and sending it in would you give you a real voice in Congress on these issues?

Act today, by signing and returning the enclosed petition in support of the proposed "Stop The Raid" Bill.

Congress has "raided" over \$1.75 Trillion since 1968. BUT Half of this has been spent since 2000. The "Raid" is worsening.

The government we elected is not doing right by us. Their "raid" of Social Security surplus is placing our entire Social Security program in danger.

This has to stop! Congress needs to hear your voice!

Historic legislation, H.R. 116, has already set the wheels in motion. I call it "The Stop the Raid Bill." It will establish a procedure to safeguard the Social Security Trust Funds.

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Today that bill awaits action with the House Budget Committee.

I need YOU to take action and show your support of this bill. I have enclosed the petition to make speaking out as easy and effective as possible. Any time you show your governmental leaders where you stand and are willing to put your name on it, things get done.

A change is needed - TODAY!

Will you sign the petition and show your support of "The Stop the Raid Bill."

Our government made a promise to us years ago when it established the Social Security program.

Yes, Social Security is a PROMISE! It is a promise our leaders made to US - to each and every American. They promised that if we worked hard and lived patriotic lives, we would be able to live our retirement years in dignity.

And that promise is in grave danger of not being kept, as the Trust Fund is raided every day. Congress needs to hear YOUR VOICE DEMANDING they keep this promise to ALL Americans.

Here is what is happening:

1. All money deducted from your hard-earned money for Social Security through payroll taxes went into the general fund for our federal government.
2. The federal government uses this currently unrestricted money (a "loan" from Social Security!) to fund their own pork-barrel initiatives. The money that should be used to protect our country's senior citizens is being wasted by - you guessed it - our very own Congress!
3. When the Social Security program loans money to the federal government, the government spends it on federal programs - this increases our national debt while depleting the cash available for Social Security and its future obligations!

How the Stop the Raid Bill Will Help:

The Stop The Raid Bill will put the Trust Fund in a "lockbox" and make the Social Security surplus funds fully independent in a real way - it would mean that the surplus funds would be restricted for use by only the Social Security program.

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The money would still be part of the federal government, but the Stop The Raid Bill would ensure that the Social Security surplus is safeguarded and not used to fund other federal government initiatives...or pork-barrel politics!

But here is the current situation:

Each and every dollar that leaves the Social Security program to fund pork-barrel projects is one less dollar available to help our citizens - to help YOU - by filling the Trust Fund with real assets, not paper IOUs!

This makes me angry. Your hard-earned dollars are designated to help fund your retirement, and instead, they wind up in the hands of politicians who use it to pay for their pet projects!

This has to stop.

YOU have the power to fix it. YOUR voice, YOUR action can protect YOUR Social Security money - YOUR hard-earned dollars - and keep them where they belong, in the Social Security Trust Fund.

Here's how it works:

In the early 1980s, the federal government reworked the Social Security program. It was restructured so that workers had to pay a little more in taxes.

This little bit of extra tax money helped build up a surplus that was put aside - into a separate trust fund account - to ensure that when the Baby Boomers reached retirement age - as they are beginning to right now - Social Security would be safe.

It was a good plan. But every year, the federal government borrows money from that surplus for other federal projects, including pork-barrel initiatives, and replaces the money with IOUs.

This is where you come in. It is time for Americans to demand that Congress keep America's promise to its senior citizens. It is time for you to stand up and tell Congress that you support the "Stop the Raid" Bill!

I'm nervous about what will happen when the Baby Boomer generation retires. What if Uncle Sam can't make good on his promise to America's seniors? What if our current or future level of benefits gets cut, as our cost of living goes up.

You can't fund your retirement with promises or IOUs.

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Want to take action?

1. TELL CONGRESS you have had enough! It is time to pass The Stop the Raid Bill and safeguard our Social Security before even more benefits are cut!
2. Sign and return the enclosed petition. We will forward it and others directly to Congress. One voice is powerful; many voices together are invincible.
3. Send a contribution for the most you can spare. We don't accept any government subsidies; this allows us an independent voice with Congress, but we must rely on concerned citizens like you to support our work.

Your contribution will...

- Help us publicize the raid on the Social Security Trust Fund so that we can STOP it!
- Help us collect at least 50,000 petitions. There is power in numbers!
- Contact and educate thousands more citizens so they can join our fight and strengthen our grassroots campaign.
- Help with the cost of directly lobbying Congress.

I wish we could do this work for free, but we really do need your help. Any amount that you can spare will be a great help in protecting our seniors and each other. Our Congress must be held accountable to us.

Please consider including a check for \$10, \$5, or even \$15 with your signed petition. I promise you, your support WILL make a difference.

Yours in the fight to safeguard Social Security!



Peter J. Forbes, President
The Senior Citizen Association of America

P.S. Please act now! Every day that passes without Congress hearing from you means another chance for benefits to be cut and Trust Fund money to be spent. This will affect us ALL.

P.P.S. Your signature today may mean the difference between a healthy Social Security program and a nation of senior citizens in dire need of help. Please return your petition today with a special contribution right now. Thank you.