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Dear Editor:

Our Social Security System is about to celebrate its 84th birthday, and as a retiree I get upset when I hear politicians in Washington talk about cutting or privatizing the program to trim the federal budget. American workers and employers pay for Social Security and it doesn’t add a penny to the deficit.

These days it’s hard for many retired folks to get by. The prescription drug costs continue to skyrocket and benefits are not keeping up with the cost of living.

Retirees and younger Americans should be able to rely on Social Security when they retire. We should require all Americans, including the super-rich, to pay their fair share into the Social Security system. Rep. Linda Sanchez has introduced a bill to do this, H.R. 2654. If her bill becomes law, the Social Security trust fund will be strengthened and benefits will be increased for most beneficiaries.

Sincerely yours,
(Your Name)  (Your Address)

(Date)
Dear Editor:

As a retired________, I know how important Social Security is to our community. Social Security helps seniors, persons with disabilities, widows, and children who have lost a parent. I don’t know how many people would survive without Social Security.

With Social Security’s 84th birthday coming up on August 14, I get upset when I hear politicians talk about how we should raise the retirement age or cut benefits. Maybe politicians should try and live on just the average Social Security benefit for a month and they would understand why we need to strengthen Social Security, not cut it.

Sincerely yours,
(Your Name)  (Your Address)