

Resolution

Improving Social Security Benefits

Whereas Social Security is the foundation of economic security for American families, protecting virtually all against the loss of earnings resulting from retirement, disability, or death; and

Whereas through economic turmoil, Social Security has been a saving grace, delivering guaranteed benefits on time and without interruption; and

Whereas Social Security benefits are vitally important to all who rely on them, including seniors, people with disabilities and families of deceased workers; and

Whereas 65 million Americans – one out of every five households – currently rely on Social Security’s lifetime, guaranteed benefits; and

Whereas the Social Security 2100 Act, H.R. 5723 and S. 3071, introduced by Representative John Larson (CT) and Senator Richard Blumenthal (CT), increases benefits for all beneficiaries and requires that wealthy Americans pay their fair share of Social Security taxes by lifting the payroll cap on earnings above \$400,000, and extends the solvency of the Social Security Trust Fund; and

Whereas Social Security 2100 also repeals the WEP and GPO, provisions which prevent nearly 2.5 million Americans who worked for a period of time in jobs not covered by Social Security from receiving the full Social Security benefits they would have otherwise earned, disproportionately affecting low-income workers and women; and

Whereas the Social Security Expansion Act, S. 4365 and H.R. 8005, introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders (VT) and Representative Peter DeFazio (OR), expands Social Security and would extend Social Security solvency for 75 years by lifting the payroll cap and subjects all income above \$250,000 to the Social Security payroll tax; and

Whereas the Social Security Fairness Act, S. 1302 and H.R. 82, introduced by Senator Sherrod Brown (OH) and Representative Rodney Davis (IL), repeals the GPO and the WEP; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans endorses the aforementioned legislation introduced in the 117th Congress: H.R. 5723, S. 3701, H.R. 8005, S. 4365, and H.R. 82 and S. 1302, to strengthen and expand Social Security and urges Congress to enact this legislation as soon as possible.