

Resolution Opposition to Misnomered "Rescue America Plan"

Whereas Rick Scott, Florida Senator and Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) released a plan named "The Rescue America Plan" that could end Social Security and Medicare; and

Whereas the plan would require Congress to vote to reauthorize Social Security and Medicare every five years; and

Whereas the plan called for raising taxes on low and middle income Americans, including retirees who rely on Social Security; and

Whereas nearly 50% of retired Americans today depend on Social Security for half of their income while one in four over age 65 relies on Social Security for 90% of their income; and

Whereas Social Security's programs serve as an entry point towards accessing other benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and

Whereas Medicare is critical to America's senior citizens, as the program guarantees quality health care coverage to over 55 million seniors; and Whereas the Alliance for Retired Americans strongly opposes such efforts to compromise programs that uphold the security and the wellbeing of retirees;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans strongly opposes the Rescue America Plan; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Alliance calls on members of the U.S. House and Senate to reject the Rescue America Plan.