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Resolution

Oppose Fiscal Commission Legislation

Whereas on May 8, 2025, Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI) introduced H.R. 3289, the Fiscal Commission Act; and

Whereas on March 5, 2026, Senator John Curtis (R-UT) introduced the Senate companion bill, S. 4012; and

Whereas the legislation would establish a 16-member "Fiscal Commission," composed of 12 Members of Congress and four outside experts appointed by congressional leadership; and

Whereas the Commission would be tasked with making recommendations to balance the federal budget by addressing discretionary and direct spending and revenues, while improving the solvency of federal trust funds, including Social Security and Medicare, for at least 75 years; and

Whereas the legislation does not require that the

commission's deliberations be open to the public, limiting transparency and accountability; and

Whereas the Commission's recommendations would be delivered to Congress immediately following the November 2026 elections and would be subject to expedited consideration, requiring an up-or-down vote without amendment or full debate; and

Whereas this fast-track process would bypass the traditional legislative process, restrict the ability of elected representatives to deliberate and amend proposals, and significantly limit public input; and

Whereas Social Security does not contribute to the federal deficit or national debt and is financed through dedicated revenue sources, including payroll contributions, interest on trust fund assets, and taxation of benefits for higher-income beneficiaries; and

Whereas retirees have earned and paid for their Social Security and Medicare benefits over a lifetime of work, and these programs provide essential income and health security to more than 70 million Americans; and

Whereas the structure and mandate of the proposed Commission appear designed to prioritize cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits rather than balanced solutions that include revenue increases; and

Whereas any effort to strengthen the long-term solvency of Social Security and Medicare should include fair and equitable revenue solutions, including requiring the wealthiest individuals to contribute their fair share; and

Whereas the Alliance for Retired Americans strongly opposes the Fiscal Commission Act and any similar legislation that delegates Congress's responsibility to unelected commissions operating without transparency or open public input; and

Whereas the Alliance opposes any efforts to fast-track changes to Social Security and Medicare through processes that limit debate, prohibit amendments, and exclude the American people from participation; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance demands that Congress reject proposals that would cut earned benefits and instead pursue policies that strengthen and expand Social Security and Medicare; and

Therefore, be it finally resolved that the Alliance urges Congress to ensure the long-term solvency of these vital programs by adopting balanced approaches that include increased revenue contributions from the wealthiest Americans.