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Protection of Our Earned Benefits under Social Security

Whereas President Roosevelt and Congress Created Social Security in 1935 to protect retired Americans from poverty-ridden old age;

Whereas grassroots American opposition protected Social Security in 2011 from being cut by a balanced budget Constitutional Amendment for the 3rd time in over a decade;

Whereas grassroots American opposition protected Social Security in 2013 from cuts to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) when it was proposed during the fiscal cliff crisis;

Whereas grassroots American opposition protected Social Security in 2015 from attempts to include cuts to Social Security to fund a Highway bill, one of Congress' numerous attempts to divert Social Security Funds for unrelated programs, and prevented massive Social Security benefit cut for millions of Americans with disabilities;

Whereas America's more than 60 million seniors have paid (and 171 million workers are currently paying) their hard earned money into Social Security;

Whereas Social Security represents a commitment between the government and its citizens, and is one of America's most successful programs, does not affect the National debt and, has a \$2.7 trillion reserve and could be expanded by lifting the cap on earned income that is taxed;

Therefore, be it resolved that one of NARA's top priorities as an organization of voting seniors is the protection of Social Security Programs for current and future generations and that cuts to these programs, including raising the age of eligibility, taxing benefits, or privatizing these programs will threaten their stability and harm the beneficiaries who count on them now and will need them in the future.

Be it further resolved that NARA urges its members, their families and friends to work closely with the Alliance to preserve Social Security to protect the benefits we have worked for, paid for and earned by contacting their elected representatives and asking them to defeat any benefit cuts or privatization proposals that would threatened our retirement security.