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The Honorable _____
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Washington, D. C. 20510 OR
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Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear (Senator _____ or Representative _____),

Americans are asking our government for change. One of our greatest needs for change today is an over-haul of our antiquated Social Security system. Although it is an insurance program, it affects the way millions of Americans will live nearly a quarter of their lives in retirement without a paycheck.

There is no doubt Social Security must be fiscally solvent. But, first, it is imperative to reform the underlying antiquated 70 year old social structure. The way we live today is vastly different from the way people lived when Social Security was first created.

We are left with an outdated system that imposes inappropriate financial penalties and rewards for choices people make regarding employment, marriage, and divorce. ERISA is a law that makes it possible to divide retirement benefits at the time of divorce. But there is still no provision in Social Security that makes it possible for spouses to equally benefit from the records accrued during their marriage.

Hasty politically expedient fiscal solutions must be delayed! "Informed Reform" in Social Security is essential so revisions can meet the needs of both contributors and beneficiaries in the future.

This is a call for a Bipartisan Commission with members of various demographic and racial groups

- o to review the purpose of Social Security,
- o to examine the social structure, explore options, and recommend appropriate changes in keeping with our current employment patterns and lifestyles,
- o to project and propose necessary monetary solutions so Social Security can be a viable government program for those it affects.

We have entrusted you to represent our interests. Please find a way to implement the above request so we can have a Social Security system that has a positive effect on the financial wellbeing of its participants.
