

Resolution Against Cuts to the Social Security Administration Budget for 2011

WHEREAS the SSA budget is entirely unrelated to the deficit, as it is funded directly from the Social Security Trust Fund and not from general revenues;

WHEREAS the Republican majority House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the budget for fiscal year 2011, which among other things cuts the Social Security Administration (SSA) budget by \$1.7 billion dollars;

WHEREAS the SSA estimates that a cut of this magnitude could force it to shut down for up to a month;

WHEREAS benefit processing for 700,000 new retirees, widows, disabled workers and children would be delayed, and nearly 8 million calls from current and future beneficiaries would go unanswered ;

WHEREAS H.R. 1 would cost tax payers money by eliminating funding devoted to catching errors and overpayments;

WHEREAS at least 124 members of the House have written to Speaker John Boehner protesting these cuts to the SSA budget; and

WHEREAS Senator Maria Cantwell has joined approximately 14 other Senators to establish the Defend Social Security Caucus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee call on all other members of our Democratic congressional delegation to sign on to prohibit cuts to the SSA budget;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee call on President Obama to veto any budget proposal containing cuts to the SSA; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee send copies of this resolution to our Democratic members of Congress, President Obama, Senate majority leader Harry Reid and House minority leader Nancy Pelosi.

41 Submitted by the 11th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
42 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in
43 Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 4/22/2011)

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45 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
46 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.

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48 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.