

Resolution Against Cuts to the Social Security Administration Budget for 2011

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4 **WHEREAS** the SSA budget is entirely unrelated to the deficit, as it is funded directly
5 from the Social Security Trust Fund and not from general revenues;
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7 **WHEREAS** the Republican majority House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, the
8 budget for fiscal year 2011, which among other things cuts the Social Security
9 Administration (SSA) budget by \$1.7 billion dollars;
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11 **WHEREAS** the SSA estimates that a cut of this magnitude could force it to shut down
12 for up to a month;
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14 **WHEREAS** benefit processing for 700,000 new retirees, widows, disabled workers and
15 children would be delayed, and nearly 8 million calls from current and future
16 beneficiaries would go unanswered ;
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18 **WHEREAS** H.R. 1 would cost tax payers money by eliminating funding devoted to
19 catching errors and overpayments;
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21 **WHEREAS** at least 124 members of the House have written to Speaker John Boehner
22 protesting these cuts to the SSA budget; and
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24 **WHEREAS** Senator Maria Cantwell has joined approximately 14 other Senators to
25 establish the Defend Social Security Caucus;
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27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
28 Committee call on all other members of our Democratic congressional delegation to
29 sign on to prohibit cuts to the SSA budget;
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31 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
32 Central Committee call on President Obama to veto any budget proposal containing
33 cuts to the SSA; and
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35 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
36 Central Committee send copies of this resolution to our Democratic members of
37 Congress, President Obama, Senate majority leader Harry Reid and House minority
38 leader Nancy Pelosi.
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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.