

Resolution to Maintain and Improve the Current Social Security Program

WHEREAS the current Social Security program is a citizen funded insurance system to insure long term income to those people who are eligible to retire from work or who are unable to work due to illness or injury;

WHEREAS the funds for the Social Security program are separate from and are not in fact an item of the federal budget;

WHEREAS the government operation of the Social Security Insurance System is one of the most cost-effective programs in all of our government;

WHEREAS Social Security is currently being threatened with significant cuts by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform;

WHEREAS the following proposals affecting Social Security are **unacceptable**:

1. To privatize Social Security, in whole or in part
2. To raise eligibility ages for Social Security
3. To implement means-testing Social Security
4. To reduce Social Security benefits ; and

WHEREAS the loss of family wage jobs, the increase in long-term unemployment and the loss of significant retirement savings has had a severe impact on Washingtonians across all age brackets making the Social Security benefits more critical than ever;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee call on our Representatives and Senators to pass legislation to eliminate the current, regressive cap on income of over \$106,000 subject to Social Security taxes so that income over the current cap is also subject to the tax; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee request our Congressional Representatives and Senators to oppose any legislation that addresses those unacceptable proposals noted above.

Submitted by the 11th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Olympia. (Date Submitted 10/19/2010)

41 Submitted by the 37th Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
42 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in
43 Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 11/22/2010)

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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.