

## Oppose Privatization or Cuts to Social Security

1 **WHEREAS** our Social Security Insurance System is the foundation of the social safety  
2 net for all workers who reach retirement age or are eligible for benefits due to disability;  
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5 **WHEREAS** Social Security does not contribute to the federal deficit and money from  
6 Social Security contributions - money provided by American workers - has been used  
7 to support other federal programs; and  
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9 **WHEREAS** Social Security is a worker-funded program that over several decades has  
10 had \$4.6 trillion dollars of its Trust Fund "borrowed" by the U.S. Government that has  
11 yet to be repaid; and  
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13 **WHEREAS** that money was collected directly from U.S. workers - it is not money that  
14 the Government owes to itself, it is money owed and must be paid back to U.S. workers;  
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17 **WHEREAS** American workers pay into the Social Security Insurance System with every  
18 paycheck they earn throughout their working lives and rely on that system for their  
19 wellbeing when they no longer work due to injury or retirement; and  
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21 **WHEREAS** Social Security is an earned benefit for U.S. workers and is really a true  
22 entitlement and it enables millions of seniors to live out their lives with dignity; and  
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24 **WHEREAS** during its implementation money from Social Security has reduced the  
25 number of retired workers living in poverty from nearly 50% to about 10%; and  
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27 **WHEREAS** this subject has been previously address in Resolution #032 in 2005 and  
28 Resolution #526 in 2011; now  
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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central  
31 Committee email the President and all U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives, calling  
32 upon them to eliminate the "cap" on income subject to Social Security "contributions"  
33 and to oppose and reject any legislation that would privatize or force cuts to Social  
34 Security Benefits.  
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37 Submitted by the Clark County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central committee for  
38 consideration at its April 27, meeting in Chelan. (Date submitted April 11, 2013)  
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40 Submitted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> District Democratic Organization to the Washington State Democratic Central  
41 Committee for consideration at its April 27, 2013 meeting. (Submitted 4/19/2013)  
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43 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "CONSOLODATED THIS RESOLUTION WITH RESOLUTION  
44 #613" at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.

45 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A  
46 PASS" at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.  
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48 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.