

I am writing to express my strong support for H.R. 2909, the "You Earned It, You Keep It Act," introduced in the 119th Congress.

As our nation grapples with an aging population and rising living costs, it is imperative that we take proactive steps to ensure the stability and fairness of our Social Security program.

This legislation would remove the unfair taxation of earned Social Security benefits. Our seniors have already paid taxes on this money through their many years of employment; they should not be penalized for having to work during retirement.

Additionally, by increasing the income threshold above \$250,000 per year, SS will bring in additional funds to keep it solvent for an additional 24 years! Currently, the maximum earnings subject to social security tax is \$176,100 in 2025; as a result, high earners only pay social security tax for part of the year.

Without any action, SS is facing a trust fund shortfall by 2034. According to the Social Security Trust Fund Trustees, benefits will need to be reduced permanently, with some saying a 20% benefit cut could be needed if action is not taken.

I urge my fellow citizens and representatives to support this crucial legislation. Protecting Social Security is not just a financial issue; it is a moral obligation to honor the commitments we have made to our seniors and to future generations.

Thank you for considering the importance of this vital issue.