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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1601

August 14, 1990

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217 Colorado Avenue Down  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Dear ██████████:

Thank you for expressing concern about Social Security tax. As I am not affiliated with the organization you wish to support, I am returning your money to you so you may forward it directly to them.

I am proud to have introduced and shepherded to enactment the 1983 bipartisan plan that rescued the social security system from financial insolvency. Prior to enactment of this plan, the system had been teetering on bankruptcy. Now, the social security system is running a surplus with adequate reserves to assure benefit payments well into the next century.

Some people, including Senator Moynihan, are saying that the 1983 reform was too successful and that surplus funds should be whittled down. While there may be some merit in allowing the trust fund to grow at a slower pace, there are serious problems with a "pay-as-you-go system." Most important is the issue of fairness -- the baby boomers must pay for a portion of their own retirement. We can't expect the next generation to pick up the boomer's retirement tab. At a minimum we should carefully examine our trust fund investment strategy and whether or not we should build reserves and how best to protect them for the future.

In addition, we should avoid poorly thought out legislative actions which could force a reduction in future Social Security benefits, or force a \$62 billion tax increase, much of which could fall on the middle class, to replace these lost taxes. While the Social Security portion of the trust fund is in great shape, it is estimated that the Medicare trust fund will go broke around the year 2002 -- that's only 12 years away. Any reform plan must take into account Medicare's endangered future.

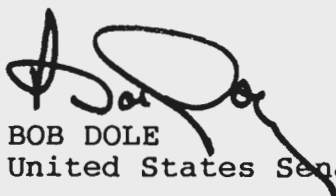
Finally, both the House and the Senate Budget Committee have passed budget resolutions, neither of which included Congressman Rostenkowski's proposal to freeze social security COLAs. I might note that I did not endorse this freeze. However, the Congress

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must face up to the federal deficit and not postpone acting on this disaster another year. Unfortunately, the reality is that we are suffering from political gridlock. Democrats attack Republicans if we suggest entitlement reforms and Republicans attack Democrats if they suggest tax increases. Both parties need to declare a cease-fire and work constructively with the President on the 1991 budget.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



BOB DOLE  
United States Senate

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Enclosure

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PETITION FORM FROM:****THE SENIORS COALITION**P.O. Box 96558, Brentwood Station  
Washington, D.C. 20077-7614

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217 Colorado Avenue Down  
Pueblo, CO 81004**Mark Siljander**  
Honorary Chairman  
Member of Congress (Ret)☐ **YES, here's my contribution** to help pay for the Coalition's massive advertising and lobbying campaign in support of Senator Moynihan's proposal.**I agree** — The Congress should NOT steal up to \$65 BILLION from the Social Security Fund to pay for wasteful government programs and to help lower the size of the deficit. I want Congress to return the excess tax dollars to the taxpayers.I've enclosed: ☐ \$10    ☐ \$15    ☐ \$20    ☐ \$25  
☐ \$30    ☐ \$50    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Please make your check payable to Seniors Coalition. Your contribution is not tax deductible under IRS rules since the Coalition is engaged in political lobbying. The Seniors Coalition is a special project of Taxpayers Education Lobby, a non-profit organization. The Coalition represents over 550,000 retired Americans.

**NOTE:** The enclosed envelope is post paid by the Seniors Coalition so you can rush your signed Petitions and reply to our processing center. But please remember that if you have a spare 25¢ stamp you can use it and this will help the Coalition spend our funds fighting the government's "theft" of Social Security Trust Funds.

**Research Survey**

Please complete all questions.

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YES NO UNDECIDED

1. The Social Security tax will rise by an average of \$600 per couple over the next 24 months even though the Social Security Trust has a huge surplus and the increase is not needed to fund Social Security. **Do you support a repeal of this increase?**

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2. The Social Security tax increase will help create a surplus in the Social Security Fund of about \$65 BILLION. The government plans to use this surplus to pay for non-Social Security programs. **Do you support legislation that would stop the government from borrowing this money?**

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3. Last year the government borrowed \$32 BILLION from the Social Security Trust Fund and this year they plan to borrow up to \$65 BILLION. **Should Congress work to cut waste and non-essential programs instead of borrowing this money?**

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Petition to the Honorable George J. Mitchell

Senate Democratic Leader

FROM: Carrie A Brewer

Whereas, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan has introduced legislation that would roll back the 1990 Social Security payroll tax increase and force the government to stop the deceitful use of the Social Security Trust Fund to reduce the overall federal deficit; and

Whereas, using Social Security funds to reduce the federal deficit violates the "trust" obligations of the federal government under which the Trust Fund was created; and,

Whereas, current Social Security taxes are far in excess of what is needed to pay Social Security benefits;

Therefore, as a citizen and a taxpayer, I urge you to use your influence as Democratic leader to support the passage of Senator Moynihan's legislation to reduce Social Security taxes and stop the use of Social Security funds to reduce the deficit.

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**Petition to the Honorable Robert Dole  
Senate Republican Leader**

**Whereas**, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan has introduced legislation that would roll back the 1990 Social Security payroll tax increase and force the government to stop the deceitful use of the Social Security Trust Fund to reduce the overall federal deficit; and

**Whereas**, using Social Security funds to reduce the federal deficit violates the "trust" obligations of the federal government under which the Trust Fund was created; and,

**Whereas**, current Social Security taxes are far in excess of what is needed to pay Social Security benefits;

**Therefore**, as a citizen and a taxpayer, I urge you to use your influence as Republican leader to support the passage of Senator Moynihan's legislation to reduce Social Security taxes and stop the use of Social Security funds to reduce the deficit.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



## The Honorable Howard Pollock

U.S. CONGRESSMAN (RETIRED)

Dear Taxpayer,

I urge you to support this campaign to repeal the Social Security tax increase averaging \$600 per family in 1990 and 1991.

Remember, this increase is NOT needed to fund Social Security benefits.

Instead, it creates a massive \$65 BILLION surplus which the government plans to use to fund a wide variety of wasteful spending programs.

Put simply, the tax will help hide the true size of the federal deficit.

In addition, I urge you to oppose the use of Social Security funds for any purpose other than Social Security.

Taxpayer's Education Lobby and the Senior's Coalition have organized this grassroots protest. As you read this, they are trying to contact over 800,000 Americans as a first step and within the next 90 days they hope to contact many millions of taxpayers and deliver over 1,000,000 signatures against this tax.

I urge you to sign and return your signed petition today.

And please remember, your help in the form of a contribution is urgently needed to make this national campaign possible.

Please make a special point of helping the Taxpayer's Education Lobby and the Senior's Coalition campaign with a contribution of \$10 or more to help fund this national advertising effort and deliver 1,000,000 signatures to Congress.

For Taxpayer and Social Security Rights

217 Colorado Avenue  
Suebby, Co. 81004

Howard Pollock  
U.S. Congressman (RETIRED)



THE WASHINGTON POST

1/16/90

JODIE T. ALLEN

## Moynihan Pushes Administration to 'Fess Up to Social Security Tax Scam

**"T**hievary." That's what Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan (D-N.Y.) has called the current practice of allowing mounting surpluses in the Social Security trust to mask huge deficits in the rest of the budget. And he now proposes to rob the thieves of their take by putting Social Security back on a pay-as-you-go basis. Specifically, starting next year, the senator would roll back the payroll tax until receipts are roughly in line with benefit payouts, thereby saving working families as much as \$600 a year.

## What to Do About Social Security Tax

the rest of the federal budget... Moynihan's proposal has political clout because it would not only reduce taxes by that much over the next two years, mostly in middle-income brackets, but because it has exposed the charade of using Social Security surpluses to finance regular government operations.

"The Treasury is siphoning off every dollar of the Social Security surplus to meet current operating expenses of the government. By thus 'reducing' the deficit, we mask the enormity of the federal budget crisis..."

# Calls For Repeal Of the Social Security Tax are Growing -- Here's some of what the newspapers have been saying

## Tax Cut Fever, The Sequel: Coming Soon

As readers who get a paycheck know, this week taxes went up. The culprit is the FICA payroll tax, which pays for Social Security and Medicare, and which will sting Americans who earn (say) \$50,000 by an extra \$140 or so this year. The silver lining is that this may be the last tax hike before the tax cuts of the 1990s.

## Please Help The Campaign To Repeal The Social Security Tax Hike

Sign and return the enclosed petitions TODAY

Taxpayer Education Lobby and The Senior's Coalition  
Campaign to Repeal The Social Security Tax  
Brentwood Station  
P.O. Box 96558  
Washington, D.C. 20077-7614

"It is time to stop playing games with Social Security and the government's finances. It is time to use honest budget numbers and to make honest budget choices..."  
Senator Earnest F. Hollings  
(D) South Carolina

WALL STREET JOURNAL  
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Mr. Moynihan's fiscal bombshell may be even more explosive. This month he's going to introduce a bill to slash the Social Security payroll tax by more than a full percentage point (or more than 150 points including the employer's matching tax). That would be a tax cut of \$55 billion in 1991. — \$600 for some...

## The Washington Times WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1990

**S**en. Pat Moynihan, the New York Democrat, is one of the few innovative thinkers left on Capitol Hill. Before taking off for a trip to Africa, he unloaded a bombshell—a new proposal to end the deceitful practice of using the huge Social Security surpluses to cover up the red ink in the rest of the federal budget.

The heart of Moynihan's proposal is to put the Social Security system back, gradually, on a pay-as-you-go basis, starting with repeal of the Social Security tax hike that went into effect on Jan. 1 but winding up with higher Social Security payroll taxes beginning in 2015.

It's good economic and good...



# Here's Why Your Contribution is so Important. . .

The Seniors Coalition urgently needs your financial support to help pay for our national advertising and lobbying campaign to stop government from taking Social Security Trust Funds and using them to pay for wasteful programs and to hide the true size of the national debt.

Our goal is to obtain 1,000,000 signed petitions in the next 12 weeks, flood the White House and Congress with letters and phone calls and alert over 8,000,000 seniors and taxpayers to this abuse of Social Security funds.

We cannot do this without financial help, which is why we urge you to **enclose a contribution of \$10, \$15 or more** when you return your signed petitions and complete the enclosed survey.

**We are also deeply concerned about the recent proposal by Congressman Dan Rostenkowski to freeze Social Security COLA's.**

We need your help to protect Social Security benefits.

## Here's How The Seniors Coalition Helped Force Congress to Repeal The Catastrophic Health Tax

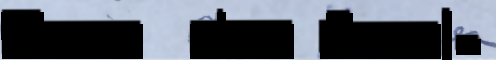
You may remember the important part Taxpayers Education Lobby and the Seniors Coalition played in the repeal of the disgraceful Catastrophic Health Tax of up to \$600 per person. . .

Our campaign resulted in a snowstorm of petitions, phone calls, letters, postcards and Mailgrams which swamped Congress and shocked the lawmakers into action. Over 500,000 Americans helped us lobby Congress and joined our petition campaign.

You may also remember our special Mailgram program which allowed thousands of seniors to put their names on Mailgrams to their Senators and other key officials such as Senate Minority Leader, Senator Robert Dole.

As a result, the House of Representatives voted in favor of a complete repeal and the Senate voted for a scaled back version.

**Today We Need Your Help to Lobby for Senior's Rights. . .**





## Please take these four important steps today:

**FIRST**, sign and return the enclosed petitions in this envelope. They carry the names of:

**Senate Democratic Leader, George Mitchell**

**Senate Republican Leader, Robert Dole**

We've targeted Senator Mitchell and Senator Dole because they are two of the most powerful men in Congress and they can help lead the fight in support of Senator Moynihan's bill. . .

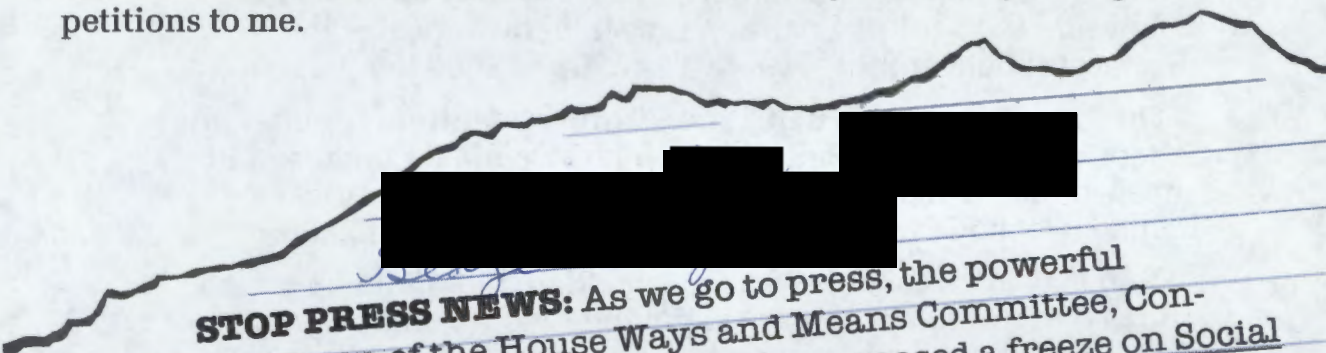
**SECOND**, Complete the enclosed survey which will give us valuable information on how you feel about the use of Social Security Funds to pay for pet Congressional projects. We'll publish the survey results, send copies to the media and make sure members of Congress see the results.

**THIRD**, In the coming days I urge you to call your Congressman and two Senators at (202) 224-3121 or perhaps write a short note urging immediate action to protect the Social Security Trust Fund.

If you have time, I'd like you to call the White House and tell the switchboard operator you support Senator Moynihan's proposal. The number to call is (202) 456-1414.

**FOURTH**, I urgently need your financial support to help pay for this national advertising campaign. Our goal is to obtain 1,000,000 signed petitions in the next 12 weeks, flood the White House and Congress with letters and phone calls and alert over 8,000,000 seniors and taxpayers to this abuse of Social Security funds.

We cannot do this without financial help, which is why I urge you to **enclose a contribution of \$10, \$15 or more** when you return your signed petitions to me.



**STOP PRESS NEWS:** As we go to press, the powerful Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, has proposed a freeze on Social Security COLA's as an additional way to balance the budget.

Please help the Seniors Coalition protect Social Security and fight against attempts to balance the budget on the backs of America's retirees. . .

**CUT SPENDING, NOT COLA'S!**



## **Repeal The Social Security Tax Hike**

A project of

Taxpayer's Education Lobby &  
The Senior's Coalition

**Combined National Petition Campaign:**

**Mark D. Siljander**  
Member of Congress (Ret.)  
Honorary National Chairman

### **Senator Moynihan is RIGHT:**

**The 1990 Social Security (FICA) tax hike is NOT needed to pay Social Security benefits. But it WILL help the government pay for \$65 BILLION worth of wasteful programs...**

Dear [REDACTED],

Please sign and return the enclosed Protest Petitions against the tax hike to me today.

And please complete the Research Survey I've enclosed which will give me valuable information on how taxpayers feel about the tax hike.

By signing and returning the petitions and survey you will be helping our national campaign to repeal the 1990 and 1991 payroll or "FICA" tax increase. This increase will cost an average of \$600 per family or couple.

As you may already know, this increase in the taxes which fund the Social Security Trust is a way for the government to cover up the true size of the deficit.

In fact, the money that comes in from this tax will go into the Social Security Trust -- and then come right back out to pay for hundreds of wasteful programs...

Many Americans are just beginning to realize how hard this massive tax increase will hit them.

And many more are beginning to realize that the increase is completely unnecessary...

You've probably heard about Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's proposal to stop the government from borrowing the Social Security surplus.

And you may already know that this year and next, FICA payroll taxes will skyrocket by an average of \$600



per married couple -- generating a total of \$65 BILLION in new taxes to the government.

It is NO COINCIDENCE that the government plans to "borrow" up to \$65 BILLION dollars from the Social Security Trust Fund this year...

Last year, they "borrowed" \$36.2 BILLION ... and replaced it with IOU's from the Treasury.

Americans who believe that their "FICA" tax increase is being set aside for Social Security payments are being duped by politicians.

The bottom line is that the government borrows these funds because the politicians don't want to admit to the true size of our national debt. It is easier to simply "borrow" the money from the Social Security Trust fund.

And borrow they do: Look at the way the Social Security tax rate has risen over the last few years. In 1970 the rate was 4.80% with a maximum of \$374 -- This year, the rate soars to 7.65% of income with a maximum of \$3,924.

Remember, the Social Security Trust already has a surplus -- it doesn't need a tax increase in order to make Social Security payments.

So the government simply borrows the surplus, gives the Social Security Trust an IOU and spends the money on wasteful programs.

Senator Moynihan calls this "thievery" and I'm hoping you are as outraged about this theft as I am. I also hope you are outraged at this year's massive tax hike.

Which is why I'm asking you to take three important steps today:

**FIRST**, I've enclosed two specially prepared petitions in this envelope. They carry the names of:

**Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole**  
**Senate Democratic Leader, George Mitchell**

We've targeted Senators Dole and Mitchell because they are the two most powerful men in the United States Senate -- they can lead the fight for a repeal.

My goal is to flood their offices with petitions and show them that taxpayers will not stand for this \$64 billion hike.

I need you to sign them and rush them back to our processing and tabulation center in the pre-addressed, pre-paid envelope I've enclosed.

Our staff is standing by to sort and bundle your petitions. Our goal is to deliver NO LESS THAN ONE MILLION petitions to these two key Senate leaders in the next 90 days.

**SECOND**, I need you to help me by filling out the Survey Research Form on the reverse of the petitions.

Your answers will help our lobbying and educational campaign calling for an immediate stop to Trust Fund thievery. Again, our staff are standing by to tabulate your answers along with other concerned Americans who join this fight and release the statistics and answers to both the media and the Congress.

I believe we can show overwhelming opposition to this disgraceful tax and the practice of hiding the size of the deficit by borrowing money from the Social Security Trust Fund surplus.

**THIRD**, If you agree with me that this tax is unfair, I'd like to ask you to call the White House today and register your support for immediate repeal.

The number to call is (202) 456-1414 and all you need do is give your name and say "I want President Bush to know that it is time to repeal the new Social Security tax and stop using the Social Security surplus to pay for wasteful government programs".

If you have the time I also urge you to call your Congressman and two Senators at (202) 224-3121 or perhaps write a short note urging immediate repeal of the tax increase.

**FOURTH**, I urgently need your financial support.



You may remember the important part Taxpayers Education Lobby and the Seniors Coalition played in the repeal of the disgraceful Catastrophic Health Tax.

With help from Americans like you we were able to deliver hundreds of thousands of petitions to the Congress.

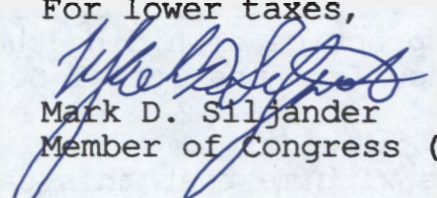
And our members, friends and supporters used materials we sent them to flood Congress with hundreds of thousands of phone calls, letters, mailgrams, petitions and postcards.

One of our goals is to obtain ONE MILLION PETITIONS AGAINST THIS TAX and deliver them to Congress in the coming weeks.

We cannot do this without financial help and I'm asking every person who signs a petition to include a contribution of \$10 or more to help pay for this national campaign.

Which is why I urge you to enclose a contribution of \$10, \$15 or more when you return your petitions and Research Survey to me.

For lower taxes,



Mark D. Siljander  
Member of Congress (Retired)

P.S. Once again, let me urge you to act quickly -- Congress is debating the 1990 budget in the coming weeks and to have the maximum impact we need to launch our national advertising campaign immediately and deliver 1,000,000 signed petitions quickly...

Please sign and return your petitions to repeal this tax hike today. The average family will pay \$600 extra in 1990 and 1991 and this money is NOT needed to fund Social Security. Instead it creates a surplus which the government wants to borrow in order to pay for wasteful programs and to hide the size of the deficit.

And please enclose a contribution of \$10 or more to help our national campaign for repeal of the tax.

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