

# STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY

## ...don't cut it.

### Iowa and New Hampshire Voters Strongly Favor Protecting Social Security Benefits

On behalf of Social Security Works, Public Policy Polling surveyed 539 likely voters in New Hampshire from May 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015. In Iowa 594 likely voters were surveyed from May 27<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- **A majority of voters in New Hampshire and Iowa would vote against a candidate who proposed cutting or reducing Social Security benefits.** Sixty-three (63) percent of Iowa voters say they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who proposed cutting or reducing Social Security benefits. Seventy-one (71) percent of voters from New Hampshire would be less likely to vote for a candidate who proposed cutting or reducing Social Security benefits.

Strong opposition exists across party lines:

#### *Iowa*

- Republicans: 51 percent
- Democrats: 73 percent
- Independents: 65 percent

#### *New Hampshire*

- Republicans: 56 percent
- Democrats: 77 percent
- Independents: 76 percent

- **A strong majority of New Hampshire and Iowa voters would support a candidate whose campaign platform protected Social Security benefits.** Eighty (80) percent of Iowa and New Hampshire voters say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who proposed protecting our Social Security benefits.

Strong support exists across party lines:

#### *Iowa*

- Republicans: 68 percent
- Democrats: 89 percent
- Independents: 84 percent

#### *New Hampshire*

- Republicans: 77 percent
- Democrats: 88 percent
- Independents: 77 percent

- **Over three-quarters of voters in Iowa and New Hampshire believe that the payroll tax dedicated to Social Security should pay the same rate on all of their income just like the rest of us, by eliminating the maximum taxable wage base and applying it to earned and invested income.** Seventy-seven (77) percent of voters in New Hampshire and seventy-six (76) percent of voters in Iowa believe that Congress should make millionaires and billionaires pay the same rate on all of their income just like the rest of us, by eliminating the maximum taxable wage base and applying it to earned and invested income.

Strong support exists across party lines:

#### *Iowa*

**Republicans:** 64% (45 percent strongly support)  
**Democrats:** 85% (79 percent strongly support)  
**Independents:** 81% (63 percent strongly support)

#### *New Hampshire*

**Republicans:** 62% (48 percent strongly support)  
**Democrats:** 89% (77 percent strongly support)  
**Independents:** 78% (60 percent strongly support)