



March 30, 2017

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senate
706 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

We are writing to express our continued, strong support for your legislation, the Social Security 2100 Act.

Our Social Security system provides modest but essential economic support when wages are lost as the result of death, serious and permanent disability, or old age. Social Security has allowed millions of seniors, veterans, surviving spouses, people with disabilities, children, and others to maintain their standards of living and prevented destitution since its enactment in 1935. It is the most universal, secure and efficient pension plan around, but its benefits are modest by virtually any standard.

In addition to increasing benefits, your legislation increases Social Security's minimum benefit so that those who work a lifetime at low wages will not retire into poverty. It adopts a more accurate cost of living increase, so that Social Security's modest benefits don't erode in value with each passing year. It also increases the maximum tax threshold for non-Social Security income so individuals and families can keep more income in retirement. Lastly, it protects the most vulnerable populations ensuring that increases in Social Security benefits do not result in a reduction in SSI benefits or loss of eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP.

According to an analysis released by the Social Security Administration, your legislation will pay fully for every penny of improved benefits while restoring Social Security to long-range actuarial balance. Your legislation will ensure that today's workers, including those just entering the workforce can rest assured that they will receive all of the Social Security benefits they are earning with every paycheck.

Thank you for your visionary proposal for your tireless work on behalf of the interests of today's and future beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Altman".

Nancy J. Altman
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Lawson".

Alex Lawson
Executive Director