



November 12, 2024

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the over 68 million Social Security beneficiaries and the more than 180 million contributors, Social Security Works strongly urges you to vote against H.R. 5342, the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act, which cuts Social Security's vital benefits. The legislation [would, once fully phased in, reduce](#) the benefits of 14 million public servants, including public school teachers, firefighters and police officers.

The nation is facing a retirement income crisis, where too many workers fear that they will be unable to ever retire and maintain their standard of living. Cutting Social Security will make that crisis worse.

Expanding, not cutting, Social Security is the right policy. Moreover, that wise policy reflects the will of the people. As polarized as the American people are, poll after poll reveals that we are not polarized about Social Security. Overwhelming majorities of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans strongly oppose benefit cuts. Those overwhelming majorities recognize that Social Security will be even more important in the future. They want benefits expanded and Social Security restored to long-range actuarial balance by requiring millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share.

Accordingly, we strongly urge you to vote against H.R. 5342, when it comes to the Floor later today (Tuesday, November 12). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy J. Altman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nancy J. Altman  
President