Date

Senator/Representative Name

Address

Dear Senator/Representative Name:

As you no doubt realize, many of your constituents, including me, are retired. Given what we hear from Republicans in Washington many of us are quite worried about the future of Social Security, the Affordable Care Act and Medicare. These programs comprise the central components of the social safety net which allows millions of Americans to continue living in dignity.

Social Security ranks as one of the most successful and popular federal programs ever created. While Social Security may currently have a long term funding issue, there is a fairly simple solution. The income cap on earnings subject to FICA taxes can and should be raised (as it has on a bi-partisan basis many times in the past) to insure a strong future for Social Security and perhaps to increase current benefits.

Rather than continue to pursue the Republican Ahab-like obsession with repealing/replacing or gutting the Affordable Care Act, a law that helps millions of Americans, I strongly urge you to concentrate on devising ways to fix its problems. Perhaps the easiest and most effective fix would be to substantially increase the penalty for not purchasing health insurance. This simple change would increase the size of the risk pool considerably thereby helping to stabilize the entire system.

As near as I can tell, Medicare is working perfectly well and should not be changed. However, a strong public commitment to ongoing adequate funding for Medicare would certainly put many minds to rest.

I strongly urge you to pledge to protect and enhance these elements of the social safety net that are critical to literally millions and millions of Americans like me. I am a registered and committed voter and I assure you I will hold you responsible for your actions and votes on this issue.

 Sincerely,

Your name and address