



Leadership Council
of Aging Organizations

Max Richtman, Chair

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The Honorable John Larson
1501 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Larson,

The Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO), is a coalition of 69 national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well-being of America's older population. Over the years we have worked tirelessly to protect and expand Social Security because it provides the foundation for income security of the people of this country. President Trump's executive order to defer payroll taxes for the rest of 2020, along with his pledge to eliminate them altogether if reelected would cut short Social Security's ability to deliver the benefits it has provided for 85 years. *For these reasons, we strongly support the passage of your bill, H.R. 8171, the Save our Social Security Now Act, which would reverse President Trump's ill-conceived action.*

H.R. 8171 would undo the executive order and end the confusion has caused about how to carry it out. It would also put the power to make Social Security policy back into the hands of Congress where it belongs. Americans count on Social Security and they do not want the benefits they have paid for to be cut or eliminated. It provides essential income protection for millions of Americans, including veterans, children, people with disabilities, and seniors. In 2020, 65 million people will receive \$1 trillion in benefits, most of which is spent in their local communities.

Thank you for your tireless leadership to protect and improve Social Security.

Sincerely,

Chair