

Resolution Requesting that Our Congressional Representatives & Senators Vote Against the Entire Deficit Commission Recommendation Package if it Includes Any Cuts to Social Security or Medicare

WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare are currently being threatened with significant cuts by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which is stacked with appointees who have indicated that they support significant cuts to these programs; and

WHEREAS this commission is expected to put out a set of recommendations in early December, 2010 which will be subject to an up or down vote by a lame duck Congress; and

WHEREAS the following proposals affecting Social Security and Medicare which are reportedly under discussion are **unacceptable**:

1. Any attempt to privatize Social Security, in whole or in part
2. Any recommendation to raise eligibility ages for Social Security or Medicare
3. Any recommendation involving means-testing Social Security or Medicare
4. Any recommendation of benefit cuts for current and future Social Security or Medicare beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the loss of family wage jobs, the increase in long-term unemployment and the loss of significant retirement savings has had a severe impact on Washingtonians across all age brackets making Social Security and Medicare more critical than ever; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that [name of organization] request our Congressional Representatives and Senators to take any and all steps available to prevent a floor vote on the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform recommendations if any unacceptable proposal is included in the package; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that [name of organization] request our Congressional Representatives and Senators to vote against any package of recommendations from the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform if any unacceptable proposal (as defined in this Resolution) is included in the package.