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### **S4 Launches ‘Count Us In! Campaign’ to Keep Personal Retirement Accounts in the Budget**

Washington, D.C. – The country’s largest youth group dedicated to Social Security reform today launches [www.CountUsIn.org](http://www.CountUsIn.org), part of a national campaign to convince Congress that Personal Retirement Accounts should remain part of the federal budget for fiscal year 2008. The Count Us In! Campaign is a petition effort that will pressure members of Congress to accept the President’s phase-in of voluntary investment accounts beginning in 2012 or else explain their own plans for reform.

“This campaign is really about showing the level of support for personal accounts,” says Mark Harris, the national director of S4. “Our generation respects leadership on entitlement reform because we value fairness. Today’s young people are getting a terrible deal, and we urge Congress to keep personal accounts in the budget in order to protect future generations from even greater inequality.”

Students across the country are joining in the campaign, which will culminate in a presentation of the signatures to Congressional leaders. “Americans have the right to their earned dollars and to control their retirement funds,” comments Liz Morgan, a student at Smith College. “I support a system that would allow individuals options regarding the ways in which we save for retirement and how our retirement funds are used.”

Northwestern University student James D’Angelo adds: “There has been an invitation to ‘come to the table’ for a long time now, and the budget allows us that chance to talk. We cannot let members of Congress walk out on the future of this country without an explanation.”

S4 is a non-partisan, grassroots organization that advocates Social Security reform through personal ownership. With 6,500 members and chapters in all 50 states, S4 is the largest group dedicated to informing and mobilizing young Americans on the issue.

To visit the Count Us In! Campaign Web site, go to [www.CountUsIn.org](http://www.CountUsIn.org).

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