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S4 Announces Support for Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Washington, D.C. – Students for Saving Social Security, the nation’s largest youth organization dedicated to Social Security reform, announced its support for a Taxpayer Bill of Rights in a press conference on Capitol Hill today. As part of the organization’s support for greater truth in budgeting, S4 urged Congressional leaders to stop using Social Security funds for programs unrelated to retirement.

“The Social Security trust fund has become a slush fund for our politicians,” said Mark Harris, the national director of S4. “Most taxpayers don’t realize it, but the Social Security program actually takes in more money than it pays out. We want Congress to save that extra money and stop raiding our trust fund.”

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is a four-part proposal from the Republican Study Committee that aims to provide greater transparency and fiscal discipline to the budgeting process. The RSC plans to introduce legislation this year that will prevent Congress from spending Social Security money on anything other than Social Security.

“It is an insult to my generation to spend our retirement money on bridges to nowhere and rainforests in Iowa,” explained Iowa native Natalie Vernon, director of outreach at S4. “Young people would love a Taxpayer Bill of Rights to help us establish a more secure financial future.”

S4 is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization that advocates for 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.

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