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S4 Thanks Supporters of DeMint Amendment

Washington, D.C. – Students for Saving Social Security, the nation’s largest youth organization dedicated to reforming Social Security, today thanked all 45 senators who voted in favor of Sen. Jim DeMint’s amendment to protect the Social Security surplus beginning in 2008.

“We are disappointed that the majority of the Senate continues to ignore our generation’s future,” said Mark Harris, the S4 national director, “but we are proud to stand by those senators who did vote in favor of the amendment. In particular, we would like to thank Senator DeMint for his courageous dedication to protecting our retirement security.”

DeMint’s amendment to the Budget Resolution would have prevented Congress from diverting surplus revenue generated by the Social Security tax into the general revenue fund. The South Carolina senator sought to end Congressional borrowing from the Social Security trust fund and to ensure that all Social Security money is either paid out or saved for future retirees.

Notable supporters of DeMint’s amendment include Sen. Corker (R-TN) and Sen. McCaskill (D-MO), both of whom are serving first terms. McCaskill was the only Democrat who voted in favor of the amendment. Other notables are Sens. Domenici (R-NM) and Lugar (R-IN), who both voted against a similar bill last year.

“We applaud Senator McCaskill for her brave vote on the floor today,” added Harris. “Protecting the retirement security of young people is not a partisan ambition, and Senator McCaskill’s vote offers proof of that.”

S4 is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization on college campuses advocating for Social Security reform through personal ownership. With 6,500 members and chapters in all 50 states, Students for Saving Social Security is the largest group dedicated to informing and mobilizing young Americans on the issue.

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