



Students for Saving Social Security  
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## **Students Thrown Out of Meeting with Senator**

*Students for Saving Social Security members denied scheduled meeting with Senator Blanche Lincoln's staff*

Washington D.C. –Students for Saving Social Security, a non-partisan student group with over 155 chapters in more than 40 states nationwide, stormed the Upper Senate Park at 12:00 p.m. today to advocate for personal ownership over their retirement.

The students served snow cones as part of their effort to keep pressure for real reform on key members of the Senate Finance Committee. A blizzard of students blanketed the park with an ice sculpture, snow cones and other weather-related themes.

Following the storm, students were to meet with members of the Senate Finance Committee to discuss their concerns about Social Security including Senator Blanche Lincoln.

“We scheduled and confirmed our meeting today with Senator Lincoln’s staff,” said Ursula Williams, a member of SecureOurFuture.org. “When we arrived at the scheduled time, we were told there was no meeting scheduled and to go away.”

“This is exactly what’s wrong with Congress today,” added Ben Ferguson, a senior at University of Mississippi and Communications Director for Secureourfuture.org. “If they can’t even keep a promised meeting, there’s no way we’ll ever get our promised Social Security benefits.”

“It’s time for politicians to listen to average Americans and not just special interests,” continued SecureOurFuture.org co-founder Patrick Wetherille, a senior at Haverford College. “Young Americans are the single group that will be most affected by reform, but powerful lobbies will do anything to marginalize us from the debate.”

SSSS is a non-partisan, grassroots organization on college campuses advocating for Social Security reform through personal ownership. As the largest student group tackling the issue, SecureOurFuture.org is leading the charge to inform and mobilize young Americans to advocate for reform.

“Today’s Snowstorm showed young Americans’ commitment to Social Security reform,” said Jonathan Swanson, a senior at Yale University and co-founder of the student group. “Congress continues to let a dark cloud hang over the future of young Americans. Senators must warm to personal accounts or today’s generation will be faced with a cold future.”

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