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### **Snowstorm Today: Students Blanket the Capitol with 3,000 Pounds of Snow To Support Social Security Reform**

*Students for Saving Social Security creates perfect storm to advocate for personal accounts; students blanket the Hill with an ice sculpture, snow cones and 3,000 pounds of snow*

Washington D.C. – School might be out, but college students around the country are staying busy – to protect their retirement. Students for Saving Social Security, a non-partisan student group with over 155 chapters in more than 40 states, is storming the Capitol for personal ownership over their retirement, today at 12:00 p.m. in Upper Senate Park today.

The U.S. Capitol, which is usually known for its summer thunderstorms, will experience a different kind of storm, with a blizzard of students blanketing the Hill with an ice sculpture, snow cones and other weather-related themes. The group is shipping in more than 3,000 pounds of snow.

“Today’s Snowstorm imagery has multiple meanings. It represents our future melting away, Congress giving us the cold shoulder, the quickly disappearing Social Security Trust Fund, and Congress freezing us out of the debate,” said Jonathan Swanson, a senior at Yale University and a co-founder of SecureOurFuture.org. “The government is spending our retirement money and we’re fed up. We don’t want a handout. Just give us our money.”

Gathering on a hot day to rally for reform, students are keeping the heat on Congress to fix Social Security. The students are serving snow cones as part of their effort to keep pressure for real reform on key members of the Senate Finance Committee. After the rally, students will meet with members of the Senate Finance Committee to discuss their concerns about Social Security.

“Congress should not continue to let a dark cloud hang over the future of young Americans,” Swanson said. “Senators must warm to ALL possible Social Security reforms or today’s generation will be faced with a dark, cold future.”

“Throughout the day the snow and ice will be continuously melting, just like our retirement hopes, while Congress does nothing. It’s time for politicians to listen to average Americans and not just special interests,” added Patrick Wetherille, the group’s

co-founder and Haverford College senior. “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. We will and must be heard.”

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.

Ben Ferguson, a senior at University of Mississippi, and Communications Director for Secureourfuture.org said, “I am amazed that just two months ago we had 25 chapters and now we have over 150! Our group is living proof that young people do care about their future, and are willing to fight for personal retirement accounts.”

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