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Students for Saving Social Security Counteracts AARP

Students for Saving Social Security points out inconsistencies in AARP's Position on Social Security

Washington D.C. – Students for Saving Social Security (www.secureourfuture.org), a non-partisan student group with over 200 chapters in more than 40 states nationwide was present at AARP's rally today.

Several members of the student group held up signs and talked with AARP members about the need for reform through ownership.

“Today, AARP celebrates a system that has departed drastically from its original intent” said Jonathan Swanson, co-founder of S4 and a senior at Yale University. “Social Security was a crucial policy breakthrough in the 1930's, but was intended as only one leg of a 3-legged stool of retirement. America has changed a lot in the last seventy years and Social Security should evolve to reflect that. We have to do our best to educate members of the public especially AARP about the real issues behind Social Security.”

Swanson added, “First, no one's benefits will be cut under any reform plan. Reform is about choice; giving people the opportunity to secure a better future.”

Ursula Williams, Deputy Director of S4 and a recent graduate of Biola University, said, “The real party is tomorrow, where we'll be joining with the 60+ Association to celebrate both the past success of Social Security, and looking toward the future. It will be a gathering of generations coming together to move Social Security forward into the 21st century.”

Williams concluded, “AARPs own mission reads ‘AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, CHOICE and CONTROL in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole.’ That's what the Social Security debate is all about, and we would love for AARP to join Students for Saving Social Security in increasing choice and control for all generations.”

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