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STUDENTS FOR SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY DISAPPOINTED BY CONGRESSMAN TOM REYNOLDS' COMMENTS

***S4 Reminds Congressman that Members are Elected to Lead;
Not Run from Tough Issues***

Washington D.C. ... (September 16, 2005) ... Students for Saving Social Security (S4), www.secureourfuture.org, a non-partisan student group with over 230 chapters in more than 45 states expressed disappointment today with Republican Congressman Tom Reynolds' recent comments allegedly urging his colleagues to shelve Social Security reform for the remainder of the Congress.

Group founder Jonathan Swanson said, "Tom Reynolds along with all Members of Congress were elected to govern and make tough decisions. Running away from an issue is the antithesis of the kind of leadership young Americans are looking for from politicians. Social Security reform has become a national discussion and the environment is ripe. It would be cowardly to throw away an opportunity to strengthen our nation's future."

"Today's youth are facing a looming Social Security crisis that can be avoided if this Congress takes action," Swanson continued. "Sources have claimed that Reynolds said he wanted to avoid forcing Republican vulnerable from 'walking the plank' if they didn't have to. I hope this is not what Reynolds said. It would be akin to pushing an entire generation off the edge, so a handful of Congressmen have an easier time getting elected."

S4 Communications Director, Ben Ferguson, added, "If Congress wants to look at polls, they should look at all the polls that say Americans overwhelmingly recognize a crisis in Social Security and the polls that say two-thirds of young people want Personal Accounts. The Congressmen and women should recognize that Americans will view this Congress as the do-nothing Congress. They are running a great risk of alienating voters now and for years to come. Members of Congress are elected to tackle difficult issues, not duck them."

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