



Students for Saving Social Security

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Americans Against the Raid Petition Drive Launched *Students for Saving Social Security joins with major partners in renewed fight for reform*

Washington, D.C.- *Students for Saving Social Security*, (S4), a non-partisan student group with over 240 campus chapters in over 40 states, joined forces today with major partners *FreedomWorks*, *The Seniors Coalition*, and *Citizens Against Government Waste* to launch a new movement to advance the cause of Social Security reform.

The groups launched a new website, www.americansagainsttheraid.org to support Senators Santorum and DeMint's efforts to safeguard the annual Social Security trust fund surplus.

The website will host an online petition that will highlight Americans support for tackling reform. The petition is guided by two principles and reads in part:

- Unbeknownst to many Americans, Congress is currently spending Social Security taxes as part of the general budget, not just on Social Security benefits. We applaud Sen. DeMint for putting forth a solution to **stop Congress from raiding Social Security taxes**.
- Opponents of Social Security reform have misled many retired Americans - and impeded reform in the process - by suggesting that reform will reduce their benefits. This is not true. We applaud Sen. Santorum for offering a solution that will **reassure those nearing retirement by guaranteeing that reform will not affect their benefits**.

The full text of the petition is available at www.americansagainsttheraid.org

Americans Against the Raid will be sponsoring days of action in Pennsylvania and South Carolina, where the coalition will be collecting signatures on the ground in the two states, and demonstrating support for the Senators' reform efforts.

Jonathan Swanson, founder and director of S4, www.secureourfuture.org, discussed the purpose of the new campaign, "The petition will show the strong grassroots call for reform. The President and Congress have been mulling over proposals for months now, and the petition says that the people are ready for action. The time for political posturing is over. It is time to get the show on the road and that's exactly what *Americans Against the Raid* does."

S4's Director of Media Affairs, Chris Schrimpf, added, "There's a dual purpose to *Americans Against the Raid* just as there is a dual purpose to the work being done by the Senators. Santorum wants to safeguard the Social Security



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benefits of current retirees, and DeMint wants to safeguard benefits for future generations of retirees. In the same way *Americans Against the Raid* will show that once current retirees know they will be okay, and that the AARP can no longer use scare tactics on them; they will support reform movements for young Americans. It's a win-win situation for all ages of Americans."

Mr. Swanson concluded, "*Americans Against the Raid* represents a broad coalition of Americans that recognize the need to fix a broken system. It includes students, professionals, retirees, and activists. It shows that Americans are coming together to get the job done and will not stop until we see reform through."