

OPINION

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Support personal accounts

I am 35 years old and I have four children and I support voluntary personal retirement accounts as part of Social Security. I am currently paying money into a system that will not meet its promises to me, and I shudder to think what the system will be like for my children.

Personal accounts provide me with a choice on whether I would like to invest a part of my taxes or whether I would rather remain in the system as it currently is. Personal accounts provide greater options and allow for people to take ownership of their benefits.

I would like the opportunity to grow a nest egg for retirement that I own and leave to my kids. On behalf of myself and my children, I urge readers to contact our senators and ask them to support voluntary personal retirement accounts.

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