



Public must learn about retirement-fund options

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The future of America's Social Security system is very much in jeopardy. As you know, it is estimated that by 2017, Social Security will be paying out more in benefits than it is receiving in taxes. This causes me great concern for my children and future generations of American workers.

At this rate, my children will not be able to get even a fraction of what they will put into the system. Something has to be done to ensure our kids have some financial support when they retire.

Voluntary personal-retirement accounts are the best choice we can offer our children so that they can one day receive the benefits they deserve. I hope that you will all take the time to learn about the advantages of voluntary personal accounts and not be scared by the rhetoric and misinformation that has surrounded this issue. It is in the best interest of us all to give America this choice.

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