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## Letters

### Social Security reform a must

Even though I am a 22-year-old recent college grad and far from retirement, I am still deeply concerned about the present state of Social Security.

The Tribune's Aug. 7 editorial, "Arizonans' plan would rule out Congress' raiding trust fund," does not ignore the real problem at hand. Social Security needs to be fixed now, so that others my age will have the financial security in retirement enjoyed by the generations that have come before us.

Those of us who are just entering the workforce are faced with a completely different financial landscape than in decades past. The landscape of Social Security is no exception. In 1950, there were 16 workers paying into the



system for every single retiree. Now, just a few decades later, as our parents are starting to plan for retirement, that number has been whittled to three workers per retiree, and soon it will be down to two.

I am not willing to stand idly by and continue to feed a system that can't live up to its promise to provide Americans with financial security in retirement.

By giving me the freedom to invest some of my hard-earned money, personal retirement accounts allow me to build a nest egg for myself while giving me much more personal control over my own financial future. Social Security reform for our generation is not a luxury. it is a necessity.

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