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The error of their ways

As an American and former member of the AARP, it hurts me to see the way Congress and the AARP have grossly misrepresented some of their constituents and members. Some have had the courage to fight for America's workers by working to introduce voluntary personal retirement accounts, while others have done everything they can to misinform and suppress debate on the issue.

I personally will not be affected by any changes in the system, as I am retired and collecting benefits now. But many of America's young men and women will not have the access to any benefits by the time they retire. Offering them an option that will allow for more control over their own money is the responsible thing to do.

I hope that those members of Congress and the AARP will see the error of their ways and start asking us citizens how we feel before they speak for us.

— **Betty Peterson, Shady Cove**