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This Democrat supports Social Security reform

Dear Editor:

It's true that as a Democrat, it may come as a shock to many in my party that I support Social Security reform legislation that includes voluntary personal retirement accounts for my generation and my children's generation. But as a mother to four wonderful boys, ages 3 months to 8 years, it is of utmost importance to me that my husband and I look ahead to ensure that they each have the opportunity for a solid education, a great career choice and a secure retirement.

Part of the hope for a secure retirement for my children is that Congress reforms Social Security with optional personal accounts. This positive reform would help give my children the ability to build healthy nest eggs for themselves. Time is of the essence since the trust fund will begin to run a deficit in less than 12 years! I urge readers, not just members of my party but from all political backgrounds, to see through the unfortunate fog of confusion being spread by others to cloud our judgment on this issue. Let's join together to thank Sen. John McCain and Rep. J.D. Hayworth for their courage in reforming this great system into a better one for our children.

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