



## Letter to the Editor

### **Social Security**

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I would like to thank *The Fountain Hills Times* and David Michell, AARP Arizona director, for (respectively) publishing and authoring a Letter to the Editor about Social Security.

I didn't know that Social Security just marked its 70th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 14, and it's something worth celebrating. Many Americans rely on Social Security benefits, and it has raised thousands of Americans out of poverty. It is truly an example of a great social program.

But there is one thing I know about Social Security – it needs reform. As mentioned by Mr. Mitchell, Social Security needs to be strengthened. In my words, this program is in serious danger.

My parents and grandparents all had an opportunity to receive the Social Security benefits they paid taxes to for their entire lives – but what about our children and grandchildren? They deserve the same retirement security that retirees have received since Social Security was created.

Democrats and Republicans in Congress must get to work in a bipartisan way to fix Social Security.

We need Congress to pass Social Security reform legislation that makes the system solvent, includes the opportunity to invest Social Security taxes in a voluntary, personal retirement account, protects the benefits of seniors and doesn't increase my payroll taxes.

Social Security has been a wonderful program. Let's all urge our representative in Congress to make sure Social Security is around for another 70 years – and beyond.