



## **Letters to the Editor, September 29**

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### **Social Security reform helps our children**

At 68 years of age, I pay attention to debates in Congress regarding legislation that will affect not only me but my children and grandchildren as well.

Social Security reform is of great interest to me because I strongly believe that optional personal retirement accounts should be part of reform for our younger workers.

As a member of AARP I have been quite frustrated with its position in not even considering this reform for our younger workers. AARP should be informing its members that this reform is not about them; rather, it is about reforming this great system into a better one for their children and grandchildren.

Many of my fellow seniors are confused that this reform will mean a benefit cut for them. This is just simply untrue.

Optional personal retirement accounts for our younger workers would allow them to put a small percentage of their Social Security tax into a retirement account if they choose. Our younger workers would have the ability to invest in bonds or stocks to build a nest egg that Congress could never spend. I hope our members of Congress in Colorado will support this reform and urge readers to contact them to support it.

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