



Call to Action: What You Can Do During the August Recess

We urge you to take the following **several actions to help keep the pressure on Congress to take up legislation in September**.

1. Contact Key Members

The most important action is to contact your representatives, whether the Member or staff. If you can't call or visit, send a letter. It all helps. Let them know you appreciate their leadership on the issue and want their committee and Congress to take up Social Security reform legislation that addresses solvency. Convey that you support a vote on personal retirement accounts and want them to support such a proposal.

2. Add the *Social Insecurity Counter* to your Web site/Share with Reform Supporters

For every year that Congress does not take action to reform Social Security it costs taxpayers \$600 billion (\$2,000/person/year) according to the Social Security Trustees report. We have developed a *Social Insecurity Counter* that you can put on your web site that calculates, beginning with the President's State of the Union Address when he announced his intention to take up Social Security reform, an up-to-the-moment figure for how much inaction is costing the taxpayer. We have also developed examples of what \$600 billion/\$2,000 per person would buy.

Visit http://www.generationstogether.net/ss_example.aspx to get the counter.

3. August 14th is Social Security's 70th Birthday: Spread the Word

We are developing a Social Security E-Birthday card that points out the risks of inaction. We will share it with all of you and ask that you a) share it with your network of contacts that support Social Security reform; and b) push it out to Members of Congress and the staff in their district offices. Let's spread the message far and wide that Social Security needs to be reformed now if we want it to see 70 more happy birthdays.