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Stop looking at politics; do what's good for public

This month, the Social Security program turns 70 years old. Over those 70 years, the country expanded and grew, and so did Social Security.

Yet because of demographic changes as a result of this growth, Social Security will be unable to continue in its present form or it will eventually go bankrupt.

That is why we need to add personal retirement accounts as part of a plan to reform Social Security. These accounts would be optional, and for those who do not wish to invest a portion of their payroll taxes in conservative bonds and stocks, they do not have to. It is their choice.

I am now retired, but I wish that I had had the opportunity to control my own retirement fund instead of depending on the government for my financial security.

Yet members of Congress are so worried about the political backlash for reforming Social Security by powerful interest groups like the AARP that they are dragging their feet.

I think it's time that members of Congress start thinking about what's good for the country rather than just the political ramifications of their actions.

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