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Supports voluntary personal accounts

I am a retiree and a member of AARP, and I have been disappointed with the positions AARP has taken on many issues, including that of Social Security reform and voluntary personal accounts. Voluntary personal retirement accounts do not affect my benefits, the benefits of my fellow retirees, or the benefits of those nearing retirement; they are about strengthening the system for our younger workers, and that is why I support them.

There are a few things to keep in mind about personal accounts. First, they would be voluntary, so nobody would be forced to participate. Second, investment will provide a better return than people currently get with Social Security, and finally, they offer a chance for working people to create a nest egg for retirement. That's a nest egg they own and the government can't spend on other programs.

This month, Social Security celebrated its 70th anniversary. With personal accounts we can make Social Security stronger so future retirees can benefit from the system as past and present retirees have.

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