

## Reply from Senator Adam Schiff

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From: Senator Adam Schiff (correspondence@schiff.senate.gov)

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ADAM SCHIFF  
CALIFORNIA



Dear Mr. Lake:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on Social Security. I appreciate hearing from you and welcome the chance to respond.

Preserving Social Security is an important priority of mine, and I am committed to protecting and improving these programs, which are so critical to a healthy, secure retirement for millions of our seniors. My staff and I keep track of every message we receive from constituents like you, and your feedback is invaluable in guiding my priorities and actions.

Social Security is the cornerstone of the New Deal and the most successful social safety net program in American history. It has helped millions of seniors live in dignity well into their retirement. For some, Social Security is a steady supplement to their pension plans and retirement investments. But for so many others, it is their only source of retirement income. Currently, one in five seniors in California is living at or below poverty and do not have enough income to meet their basic needs. It is critical we make a renewed investment in this program to support the growing population of older adults in our state for years to come.

Congress must continue working to promote Social Security's long-term solvency and ensure it continues to work for this generation and into the future. As a member of the House of Representatives, I cosponsored and voted to pass the *Social Security Fairness Act*, bipartisan legislation which repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), two statutes of the *Social Security Act* that currently reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for public sector workers, like teachers and firefighters, and their families. In December 2024, I voted to advance the bill in the Senate but could not vote on final passage due to a family commitment in California. On January 5, 2025, President Biden signed the *Social Security Fairness Act* into law, ensuring that the nearly 2.3 million Americans, including tens of thousands of Californians, who have dedicated their lives to public service are able to enjoy the retirement they deserve. Having cosponsored and fought for passage of this bill for so long, I am thrilled we were finally able to make it law.

I also support the *Social Security 2100 Act*, a bill which would protect and improve benefits by bolstering Social Security's financing, as well as modify the cost-of-living adjustment to reflect the rate of inflation.

I believe that all seniors, not just a privileged few, must be able to retire with dignity and respect. We can and we must continue to preserve these crucial survival safety net programs for seniors. Please be assured that I will keep your views in mind as the Senate considers legislation relating to Social Security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam B. Schiff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Adam B. Schiff**  
UNITED STATES SENATOR