

# Stop the Payroll Tax Cut

## Please call Senator Schumer today

The argument that the Social Security payroll tax cut needs to be extended and expanded as a stimulus measure is simply false. Please **call Senator Schumer today** and tell him to drop the proposed extension and expansion of the payroll tax cut.

The payroll tax cut is an obvious method of causing Social Security, for the first time in its history, to contribute to the deficit, as the missing funds will be supplied instead from general revenues. This measure makes true the previously false Republican claim that Social Security contributes to the deficit and runs the risk of undermining public support for the program.

The same amount of stimulus can easily be created, as it has been in the past, by cutting the income tax for middle-income people and by making a payment similar to the earned income tax credit to lower-income people.

Instead of directly cutting the income tax, however, the Administration proposes to extend and increase the Social Security payroll tax cut and repay the money to Social Security out of general revenues from a tax on incomes over \$1 million. Given the political balance in Congress, and especially if it worsens in 2012, this proposed payroll tax cut could become a backdoor method of reducing the Social Security Trust Fund. Having decreased the income, the Republicans can refuse to repay it, or demand other concessions to do so. Even if instant repayment is required by law, any repayment provisions can be tampered with in the future.

This Democratic proposal flies in the face of President Roosevelt's goal of protecting Social Security from political whim: "We put those payroll contributions there so as to give the contributors a legal, moral, and political right to collect their pensions . . . . With those taxes in there, no damn politician can ever scrap my social security program."

There is no time to waste. Please **call Senator Schumer today** at 202-224-6542 or 212-486-4430 and tell him: "I am calling to voice my opposition to an extension and expansion of the payroll tax cut. This cut is a backdoor method of decimating the SS Trust Fund by making SS part of the deficit for the first time. The cut also makes SS subject to political whim."

You can also **call Majority Leader Reid** at 202-224-3542 and tell him the same thing.

For a fuller explanation of the devastating effects on Social Security of a payroll tax cut, click here <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2011/09/23/social-security->

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