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The Honorable John Larson
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Larson,

On behalf of the approximately one million supporters of The Senior Citizens League (TSCL), 6,935 of whom are your constituents, I would like to thank you for being a true champion for Social Security beneficiaries in the United States House of Representatives.

Protecting and strengthening the Social Security program for current and future retirees is critical to our supporters, many of whom survive on very limited, fixed incomes. According to our research, Social Security benefits have lost 34 percent of their purchasing power since 2000 due in large part to inadequate cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) and rising health care costs.

In the past year alone, thousands of our supporters have told us they're failing to keep up with growing Medicare premiums, prescription drug prices, and home heating costs. They're forced every day to make tough decisions about how they will spend their Social Security checks.

As such, TSCL salutes you for introducing legislation that would make COLAs more adequate, reduce senior poverty by boosting monthly benefits, cut taxes for millions of beneficiaries, and ask wealthier Americans to contribute to the program more fairly. Together, these changes would strengthen Social Security benefits while extending the solvency of the trust funds for decades to come.

The Senior Citizens League lends its enthusiastic support to the *Social Security 2100 Act*. We believe your bill would provide much-needed financial protection for older Americans, and it would go a long way in ensuring the retirement security senior citizens have earned and deserve.

We look forward to informing our supporters about your leadership on this important issue in Congress. In the meantime, if we may be of assistance to you or your staff in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Again, thank you for being a positive voice for America's seniors in the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Art Cooper
Chairman
The Senior Citizens League