



May 26, 2015

The Honorable Sam Johnson
3rd District, Texas
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kristi Noem
At-Large District, South Dakota
2422 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Johnson and Noem,

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing to offer our support for your bill, H.R. 2504, the “Control Unlawful Fugitive Felon (CUFF) Act of 2015.” This important piece of legislation would prohibit wanted felons from receiving Social Security disability or retirement benefits.

The CUFF Act rightly discontinues benefits for those who are the subject of an arrest warrant. While the legislation applies to felony charges, or a crime carrying a minimum term of one or more years in prison, the CUFF Act would allow benefits to be restored once the individual resolves any outstanding legal issues. Estimated to save taxpayers \$4.8 billion over 10 years, the CUFF Act would produce pivotal savings for a program in which payouts continue to exceed incoming revenue.

In order to protect hard-working American taxpayers and especially older Americans, it is critical that Social Security benefits be preserved for rightful beneficiaries who are in good-standing with the law. Individuals who violate America’s laws should not be rewarded with a government check each month. Moreover, the Social Security program as a whole continues to head down an unsustainable fiscal path. With insolvency threatening the future of Social Security, both the disability and retirement programs, Congress must take necessary action to eliminate egregious abuses whenever possible and to enact responsible reforms that will preserve and protect benefits for law-abiding citizens who need them. AMAC firmly believes the CUFF Act is an example of commonsense measures Congress should be taking to ensure the integrity of Federal programs.

As an organization that remains steadfast in its commitment to fiscal responsibility and to safeguarding Social Security, AMAC is grateful for your ongoing leadership on this issue. Thus, AMAC is pleased to stand with you on behalf of mature Americans and seniors in support of H.R. 2504, the “Control Unlawful Fugitive Felon Act of 2015.”

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC