

NO CUTS IN SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND FOOD STAMPS

***The recently elected conservative Congress believes that the nation's social programs are too generous. The Republican majority along with some conservative Democrats are planning on major cuts and privatizing public services.**

--SOCIAL SECURITY--

***The new Congress intends to reduce the already meager annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). President Obama announced his support for this change.**

*** Social Security offices are being continually closed. Recipients and applicants have been urged instead to use the computer. But over 40 percent of senior citizens are not online. Low income applicants are even less likely to use a computer.**

***There is no financial justification to make Social Security cuts. The Social Security Administration has a surplus of \$2.7 trillion and can continue to fully fund its obligations for many decades.**

--MEDICARE, MEDICAID, FOOD STAMPS--

***The new conservative Congress will attempt to make drastic cuts in these health programs. With regard to Medicare, the intention is to raise the 65 year eligibility age and privatize the program.**

***About Medicaid, which serves low income recipients, the Republican 10 year plan is to cut the program by over one trillion dollars!**

***One million poor individuals will lose food stamps by next year.**

***To sustain and expand our social programs, Congress should legislate fair and easily affordable taxes on the big corporations and the very wealthy.**

Phone: President Obama ((202) 456-1414 and your members of Congress to urge that no cuts be made. Free calls to switchboard:1-800-826-3688 to reach your House Rep. and Senators Boxer and Feinstein. Please ask others to make phone calls as well.

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