



Petition to: **President Barack Obama**
Honorable Harry Reid, Majority Leader, United States Senate
Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, United States House of Representatives

We the undersigned are urging swift action on correcting the course on major issues that concern the protection of retiree health and economic security.

A. Amend or repeal the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 by including these steps:

- Negotiation of drug prices by the government;
- Permit the re-importation of safe drugs;
- Eliminate the infamous “donut hole”;
- Level the playing field between Medicare and Medicare Advantage by eliminating the wasteful subsidies, the special slush fund for Medicare Part C; continued support for such legislation as child health-care services with funding taken from Medicare Advantage’
- Repeal means testing for Medicare Part B
- Repeal the establishment of Demonstration Districts in 2009
- Confirm and continue the successful opposition to attempts to cut doctors’ fees that would drive more physicians out of the Medicare system;

B. Protect Social Security from continuing efforts to privatize it, tying it to all the risks of Wall Street. We need a guaranteed monthly income.

We are proud seniors, grandparents and parents who have struggled over the past eight years to protect Medicare and Social Security as we know it. We want to pass these two great programs on to future generations.

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