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May 3, 2022

Honorable Assemblymember Jim Cooper
1021 O Street, Suite 5720
Sacramento, CA 94249-0009

Subject: SJR 11 (Skinner) The Social Security 2100 Act: A Sacred Trust

Dear Assemblymember Cooper:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Peace and Freedom Party of California to support SJR 11 (Skinner) which asks California's Congressional members to vote for HR 5723 (Lawson).

HR 5723 is designed to cut the projected long-range shortfall in Social Security by lifting the cap on taxes for those earning over \$400,000. They would then pay at the same tax rate as most other workers and the minimum benefit would be raised to 25% of the poverty line. This legislation would also raise the threshold for taxing Social Security benefits to \$35,000 for single persons and \$50,000 for married couples. HR 5723 would increase the Social Security benefits by 2%, improve benefits to widows and widowers, provide caregiver credits, end the five-month waiting period for disability benefits, repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, plus other changes to improve and preserve Social Security

Retirees earned Social Security. Money was taken out of their earnings and deposited into an account to be doled out on a monthly basis. Working people are currently paying into the system so that they will be able to retire with dignity, respect, and independence. Too many people have seen a drastic decline in their living standards and Social Security helps keep them out of poverty.

Peace and Freedom Party has been a voice for the poor, women, people of color, those in the disabled communities, and others. Retirees often fall into one or more of these categories and Social Security is their only resource.

For these and other reasons, Peace and Freedom Party supports SJR 11 For clarification of our position on SJR 11 please contact me, John C. Reiger at reigers@earthlink.net or our Legislative Liaison, C. T. Weber at CTWeberVoters@att.net.

Sincerely,

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