

PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY

WHEREAS, the Social Security Act was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935, and today provides for numerous social insurance programs and several social welfare benefits; and

WHEREAS, Social Security has been estimated to reduce the poverty level for Americans age 65 or older from 40 percent to below 10 percent; and

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Social Security Trust Fund have warned the program could become insolvent in the year 2034 unless corrective action is enacted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, OPEIU stands firmly behind the taking of constructive and sound measures, including consideration for raising the current maximum amount of taxable earnings of \$128,400, so the program will be properly funded to protect Americans during the economic challenges they may confront.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OPEIU will support candidates and legislation that protects this great benefit from political attack and any measure that puts this benefit at risk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OPEIU continue to educate its members, support politicians who continue to support efforts to keep Social Security, in all of its programs and benefits, for the welfare of Americans and not under the threat of congressional raiding or mistruths for political gain.

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