

Social Security

Social Security is one of the most important and most successful programs ever created by the federal government. Millions of American retirees, both current and future, depend on Social Security for a significant part of their income. Congressman Murtha believes that we must save, strengthen and secure the program, not cut the benefits retirees have earned during years of hard work or expose them to the risks of the financial markets.

He opposes the privatization of Social Security because it would gamble away the economic security of our nation's senior citizens at the time in their lives when they can afford it least. Additionally, it would not help the program fiscally. Privatization proposals put forth over the past several years would cost \$1.4 trillion to \$2 trillion over 10 years, further increasing the deficit of the program. Privatization would take the "security" out of Social Security and its cost would make younger Americans bear the burden of repaying this huge debt.

Social Security is not in a crisis. We can find reasonable, financially viable, long-term solutions that allow us to keep the promise of retirement security that President Franklin D. Roosevelt made to the American people in 1935.

To learn more about how the Social Security program works as well as to find information about your Social Security, please visit the following websites:

[Social Security Administration](#)

[Social Security History](#)