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The Honorable Bernard Sanders  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sanders:

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I am writing to express our support for your bill, "The Social Security Protection Act of 2011," which establishes important new procedural safeguards in the Congress for legislation that would make certain fundamental changes to Social Security.

It is my understanding is that your legislation would establish a point of order against legislation that would reduce Social Security benefits or privatize the Social Security program. I further understand that this point of order could be waived by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Senate and House present and voting.

I believe your bill strikes an important balance. It would allow Social Security to be amended, as it has always been, but it then goes the extra step of assuring that the Congress can adopt changes only if they are supported by a broad bi-partisan consensus. This additional protection will help assure that changes made to Social Security are made for the good of the program, and not for such purposes as reducing the budget.

We thank you for your leadership on the important issue of protecting Social Security. Your bill will provide an extra margin of safety for this vital program and the generations of Americans who depend on it today and who do so in the future.

Cordially,

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