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Ms. Ellen A. Bruce
For Eastern Mass OWL
86 Westbourne Terrace
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Dear Ms. Bruce:

I want to thank you for your letter regarding the importance of Social Security funding. I appreciate hearing from you.

For 75 years, Social Security has been a promise to the American people that if they work hard and pay their fair share, they will have a financially secure retirement. In communities across this country, Social Security benefits are often the only source of income helping families maintain a decent standard of living. As co-chairman of the House Older Americans Caucus, I appreciate the role that Social Security plays in safeguarding the livelihoods of retirees. Cutting Social Security benefits further than they are already being cut by raising the retirement age from 65 to 67 would create needless hardship for millions of vulnerable Americans. To this end, I am pleased to inform you that I recently signed a letter to President Obama strongly opposing any plan that would harm the benefits and structure of Social Security. Rest assured that I will continue to work with my colleagues to oppose any legislation that compromises the value of Social Security benefits.

Again, thank you for writing and please continue to keep in touch about this or any other matter of concern.

Sincerely,


Bill Delahunt