

Resolution on the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform

Whereas, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (NCFRR) will consider cuts to Social Security and Medicare as a means of reducing our national debt; and;

Whereas Social Security and Medicare have greatly reduced poverty among seniors and presently support millions of children whose parents have died; and;

Whereas Social Security is fiscally sound for decades, and the future of Social Security can be assured by removing the cap on wages taxed (currently \$106,800), instead of by reducing benefits; and;

Whereas the real causes of the American debt are tax cuts, off-budget wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and severe recession; and;

Whereas some meetings of the NCFRR may be held behind closed doors without public access (although others are being streamed on the Internet);

Therefore Be It Resolved that we Democrats support and endorse:

- A series of commission hearings open to the public where affected Americans can respond and make recommendations;

- Having all planning and working meetings open and available to the public via C-Span or internet streaming;

- Having open avenues of communication the Commission and the public.

And Be It Further Resolved that the members of the NCFRR should take into consideration in their deliberations the vital importance of Social Security, its fiscal soundness, and its contribution to the fiscal stability of American families, and the inequity of funding wars at the expense of the elderly;

And Be It Further Resolved that we urge removal of the wage cap on Social Security contributions and fiscally-responsible, on-budget military spending rather than reducing benefits, and;

Be it further finally resolved that this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, members of the Washington State Congressional delegation and the co-chairs of the Commission