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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

We believe that the ongoing fiscal discussions in Congress provide an opportunity to address entitlement program deficits. With our limited time frame to take action before we run up against fiscal deadlines, and the growing long-term solvency issues for these vital programs, we urge you to use this window to preserve the long-term viability of Social Security.

Many budget advocacy organizations on all sides of the political spectrum have stated recently that Social Security is the most straight forward entitlement program to address. It has a relatively few, well-known options that can ensure the program's long-term stability. Making responsible, sensible changes today will put the program on a path to solvency for current and future generations. Waiting and ignoring these problems until they're a crisis would be a disservice to seniors, taxpayers, and the promise of Social Security. We should not allow this to occur.

Virtually everyone recognizes that our nation's entitlement programs are the primary, long-term drivers of our debt. Social Security provides us the best opportunity to begin solving our nation's significant budget imbalances in an era of divided government. By addressing this issue we can take a significant step toward preserving this crucial program and restoring the public's faith in this institution's ability to work for the American people.

We believe Congress should start now, and we are willing to help you do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reid Ribble".

Reid J. Ribble  
Member of Congress

cc: Majority Leader Cantor, Majority Whip McCarthy

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