



Secret commission to decide future of Social Security?

The deficit hawks in Congress are planning a stealthy assault on Social Security and Medicare.

Deliberating in secrecy, the so-called "Deficit Commission" is preparing to endorse measures that will make the millions who now rely on Social Security and Medicare -- and those who will in the future -- pay for a federal budget deficit they had no part in creating. The commission will report by December 1, submitting its recommendations for an up-or-down vote by Congress.

Under discussion behind the commission's closed doors are these unacceptable proposals:

- **privatizing Social Security, in whole or in part;**
- **raising the eligibility age for Social Security or Medicare;**
- **means-testing Social Security or Medicare;**
- **benefit cuts for current and future beneficiaries.**

Don't let them use the deficit as an excuse to cut the best federal programs in American history!

Call and write Senators Patty Murray, Maria Cantwell and your U.S. Representative to let them know you don't support this undemocratic scheme. Urge them to take any and all available steps to prevent a floor vote on the commission's recommendations. If a floor vote cannot be prevented, urge them to vote against the package.

Congress must hear from us. The integrity of Social Security and Medicare is at stake.