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KEEPING OUR SOCIAL SECURITY PROMISES ACT

The Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558) would gradually lift the cap on Social Security Payroll Taxes so that by 2033, the wealthiest 6 percent of Americans will have Social Security deducted from only the first \$106,800 of their income. This plan would extend the amount of money in the Social Security Trust Fund, so that Social Security would be solvent for the next 75 years. Currently those workers making \$106,800 or less pay into the Social Security Trust Fund on all their regularly earned income. Currently for those making more than \$106,800, only the first \$106,800 is subject to the Social Security deduction. Under the present system the wealthiest 6% of wage earners do not have Social Security deducted from all of their wages.

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE INTEREST FROM REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Surveys taken at DKG Regional Conferences this summer indicate that the legislative issue of greatest concern to our members is Social Security/Medicare changes, Other issues in which members expressed interest were Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Profits (GPO/WEP), Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA/NCLB); Human Trafficking; Pay Equity; Health Issues of Women and Children, and Teacher Tenure. (For those of you not present at a regional conference, human trafficking does not deal only with the sex trade, but rather a considerable amount of human trafficking deals with illegal aliens who are virtual slaves sold out to do yard and house work as well as performing other services an example of which is those forced to do hair braiding.) Current human trafficking legislation deals mainly with sex trafficking regulations.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

The registration form for the National Legislative Seminar is available at <http://deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/documents/files/NLS%20Reg%20Form%202012.doc>

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) (this is a toll free number). You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House [1-202-456-1111](tel:1-202-456-1111)

Telephone numbers for the White House switchboard are [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121) or [202-225-3121](tel:202-225-3121)

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/> Information available at this site allows contact with governors,

members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE

INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/111/bills/>

FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.

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