

Paul Fights Global Social Security Giveaway *Social Security for American Citizens Only!*

Washington, DC- Congressman Ron Paul of Texas recently introduced legislation to ensure that Social Security benefits are paid to American citizens only. The “Social Security for American Citizens Only Act” would end the terrible practice of sending Social Security dollars to foreign countries, while protecting against further spending raids on the retirement funds of millions of Americans.

In December, the national press reported on a deal looming between the administration and the Mexican government that would allow Mexican citizens who worked in the U.S.- even illegally- to qualify for Social Security benefits. A so-called “totalization” system would permit Mexican workers to add years worked in Mexico to those in the U.S. when qualifying for benefits. This would drastically reduce the desire of Mexican immigrants to become American citizens, by making it possible for a worker to return to Mexico and still receive Social Security.

“Social Security must not become a global welfare system,” Paul stated. “This outrageous proposal is projected to cost the already fragile Social Security system more than one billion dollars annually! Social Security was designed to provide retirement income for American citizens who worked in the United States. Paying benefits to noncitizens is an insult to millions of Americans who pay into Social Security their entire lives, pledge their loyalty to America as citizens, yet now face the possibility of a bankrupt system when they retire.”

“Is creating a global welfare state on the back of American taxpayers a good idea?” Paul continued. “We should protect Social Security dollars by putting an end to congressional spending raids, not threaten the system even more by essentially sending foreign aid welfare to noncitizens.”