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**Barbara J. Easterling**

Secretary-Treasurer  
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January 6, 2015

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Office of Democratic Leader  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the four million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans, we are writing in strong opposition to the provision in the proposed House rules that establishes a point of order prohibiting reallocation from the Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) trust fund to the Disability Insurance (DI) trust fund within the Social Security program. This procedural change to the House rules is unprecedented. It will have the effect of holding the DI trust fund hostage, and is a direct attack on seniors, disabled Americans and the Social Security trust fund.

As you may know, reallocation between the OASI and DI trust funds is common practice and has occurred 11 times in the past. In 1983, during the Reagan Administration, funding from the DI trust fund was temporarily reallocated to the OASI program to cover the anticipated shortfall. Similarly, temporarily reallocating funds from the OASI trust fund to the DI trust fund during the next few years would extend the solvency of the DI trust fund for almost two decades. This rebalancing would not endanger the OASI, since the solvency of the combined trust funds would remain at 2033.

Voting in support of this House rule constitutes a complete disregard for keeping the promise to hardworking Americans who have contributed to Social Security. The four million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans will be watching how Congress votes on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

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Barbara Easterling  
President

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Secretary-Treasurer

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