

United States Senate
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Mr. Thomas Cromwell
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Dear Mr. Cromwell:

Thanks for keeping in touch with me. I understand your concerns about the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). It's nice to hear from you.

I absolutely agree with you. Millions of Americans have contributed a portion of their salaries over their lives to Social Security, and they depend on these benefits when they retire. Promises made should be promises kept.

Budget forecasters have stated that there may not be a COLA for the next two years. This is because there has not been a substantial change in the cost of living from the previous year. I understand that this may lead to some seniors paying more under Medicare. I want you to know that I will keep your thoughts and concerns in mind as Congress continues to address this problem. Seniors need to have affordable healthcare and need to be able to rely on Social Security keeping up with the costs of their daily lives.

As Congress continues to debate these issues in the future, I want you to know that I will continue to work hard to protect Medicare and Social Security from any possible cuts. Rest assured that your concerns are my own.

Again, thanks for contacting me. Please let me know if I can be of help to you in the future.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

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