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Mr. Thomas Cromwell
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Dear Mr. Cromwell:

Thanks for keeping in touch with me. It's nice to hear from you.

I believe that the United States government made a promise to Americans when the Social Security program was created. Promises made should be promises kept. 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. Jeopardizing the system now would break our promise to these Americans.

As you know, there are several proposals to reform Social Security. When comprehensive Social Security reform comes before the Senate, I want you to know that I will fight for a proposal that will ensure a guaranteed, lifetime, inflation-protected benefit for seniors. I will also work hard to ensure that reform enhances the long-term solvency of the Social Security program. Thank you for your contacting me about your support of the COLA Fairness Act from the 110th Congress. I will keep your comments in mind as I continue to work to ensure that all Americans have a secure and reliable retirement income.

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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