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The Honorable Randy Forbes
Attn: Christopher Maneval
United States House of Representatives
2135 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Forbes:

On behalf of the approximately one million members and supporters of The Senior Citizens League (TSCL), 4,469 of whom are your constituents, I would like to commend you for being a true champion for senior citizens in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In recent years, debt limit showdowns on Capitol Hill have left Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries feeling anxious and uncertain about the status of their benefits. In 2013, when the federal government shut down for more than two weeks, we received numerous calls from seniors who were concerned about their access to medical care and possible delays in their Social Security checks. In the event of another government shutdown, TSCL believes the Social Security and Medicare trust funds must be fully protected.

As such, The Senior Citizens League lends its enthusiastic support and the support of its membership to H.R. 111, which we believe would go a long way in ensuring that seniors receive the retirement security they deserve. We look forward to informing our members and supporters about your efforts. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of assistance to you or your staff in any way.

Again, thank you being a positive voice for America's seniors in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Cates".

Edward Cates
Chairman, The Senior Citizens League