

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1981

Dear Bob:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to serve on the new National Commission on Social Security Reform.

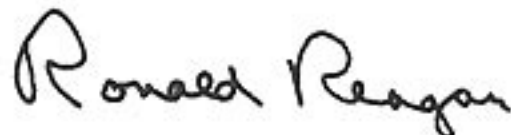
In September, as you know, I announced I would appoint this Commission to work with the Congress and me to reach two specific goals: propose realistic long-term reforms to put Social Security back on a sound financial footing; and forge a working bipartisan consensus so that the necessary reforms will be passed into law.

I am asking the Commission to present its report to the Congress and me before the end of next year. I can think of no more important domestic problem requiring resolution than restoring the integrity of Social Security and to do so without penalty to those dependent on the programs.

Saving Social Security will require the best efforts of both parties, and of both the executive and legislative branches of government. With bipartisan cooperation and political courage Social Security can and will be saved.

Thank you again for accepting this challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Ronald Reagan".

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