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How dare you call my Social Security and Medicare an "entitlement"; as if I am sitting around waiting for a hand-out?!?

I worked every day of my life starting in 1966, and never complained about supporting my government because I understood the social contract; that if I supported you, you would support me.

Every single paycheck of mine was subject to Social Security taxes; dollars that went to pay the Social Security and Medicare of my parents and grandparents.

Then, in 1983, Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill foresaw the approaching "pig in the python" that was the baby-boomer generation, and took action. The new social contract doubled my payroll taxes to not only pay for older generations, but also to create an excess that would provide for my retirement years, as well. This created the Social Security Trust Fund.

In 1984, when Reagan was trying to balance the budget without taking back his tax breaks from his rich buddies, the Social Security Trust Fund proved just too tempting to resist. He began the tradition of raiding the Social Security Trust Fund for his own political ends -- a tradition that has continued with every President since then; regardless of party.

Now, the Note is due. We boomers are, in fact, retiring. Our retirement plans have been decimated by unregulated greed on Wall Street. Our pensions have gone bankrupt because corrupt regulators waived annual contribution requirements year after year. My WaMu defined benefit pension plan (earned under Pacific First) was eliminated in the takeover by JPMorgan Chase.

In my 40 years of full employment, I never planned on Social Security to be my only monthly check. I planned on a Social Security check, a pension check, and a nest egg of retirement savings (since decimated).

Now, after 40 years of steady, loyal work, the government that I have always supported is preparing to further impoverish my "golden years" by labeling my Social Security an "entitlement" and stripping away not only my monthly check, but also my senior health care. HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME THIS WAY?!?

Solutions:

Roll back all tax cuts on the wealthiest Americans. They can work it into their budgets, just like I worked in a doubled payroll tax in 1983.

Eliminate the cap on income subject to Social Security tax. Everyone should contribute equally to this vital social program.

Reinstate the 91% marginal tax rate on all compensation over \$5mm (not just salaries). This will provide an incentive for companies to reinvest in and build their business; rather than eviscerate the company to enrich already wealthy executives.

Reinstate the Estate Tax on large estates. These heirs won't starve to death.

Tax passive income the same as earned income. Income is income. Tax it.

Require corporate income tax from all companies (regardless of nationality) doing business in or with the US. Sunset all tax breaks after three years. A tax break is intended to incentivize a new operation. If they can't make it after three years, they are no longer eligible for the tax break.

Reinstate tariffs on all products imported to this country. Tariffs should equalize the costs of overseas and domestic production; thereby de-incenting shipping manufacturing jobs overseas.

Roll back military spending to merely provide for our country's DEFENSE; no more pre-emptive strikes, no more security forces for overseas corporate activities, no more policing of the planet to make them more like us.

Close the 800 + overseas military bases and bring those troops and families home. We don't have other nations' military bases on our soil. Why should we be on theirs?

Invest savings from military spending in education of our populace so we can once again become a world leader in innovation, invention, and production to improve life on the planet.

Most of all, remember, T-A-X is NOT a four-letter word. Taxes are the dues we pay to belong to the best club on the planet; the USA.