

National Federation of Democratic Women
Resolution Supporting Protection of Social Security's Disability Insurance

WHEREAS, the average person receiving Social Security disability benefits has worked and contributed to Social Security for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, the current Administration seeks to cut benefits to disability insurance that will leave millions of disabled workers, their spouses and their children destitute. Further, failure to expand Social Security's tax base—total wage earnings subject to the payroll tax up to the taxable maximum—jeopardizes our promise to all workers that pay into Social Security to politicization and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the taxable maximum would be administratively simple: workers currently paying FICA all year would continue to do so; for those currently paying FICA tax for only part of the year, the FICA tax would be applied all year. Note that the Congressional Research Service estimates that eliminating the taxable maximum and including these additional earnings into the benefit calculations would ensure Social Security benefit payments through 2078.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women supports eliminating the taxable maximum to the FICA tax each year and including these additional earnings into the benefit calculations.