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The Honorable Joseph Knollenberg
United States House of Representatives
2349 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Knollenberg:

Greetings from a fellow member of the Cranbrook Swim Club. I am retired from the Detroit Police Department (25 ½ years) and because of the "Windfall" I am only receiving 40% of what I should receive from Social Security. I have been paying into social security for almost 51 years. While on the police department I taught at Henry Ford Community College for 28 years. (Part time) Most of those years I did not get credit for a years work, primarily because my pay remained relatively constant when the amount for credit went up. I paid into the fund for years before I joined the police department; I paid while I was in the United States Army. And have been paying since I retired almost twenty years ago.

The last memo that I received from the Retired Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association was that 331 House Members signed on as co-sponsors. I would appreciate your support in resolving this issue.

I hesitate to mention this because I don't want you to think that I am patronizing you, however, I have voted for you in every election, furthermore, I have been a Republican since 1951, when I was in the fifth grade.

Sincerely,

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