

Hands Off Rally Talking Points

I am here on behalf of AFGE as a proud union member to tell the President, Republicans in Congress, and DOGE to keep their HANDS OFF Social Security.

Social Security provides benefits to 73 million Americans, while operating at a 50-year staffing low, but the Administration wants to cut our Agency even further. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Millions of Americans rely on Social Security to afford basic needs such as food, clothing and housing. Without their earned benefits, people will go hungry, grow sicker, or even die. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Social Security staff and beneficiaries are suffering from too many IT outages after losing one-fourth of the IT department to recent buyout packages and attrition policies. These are a direct threat to the critical services that serve millions of Americans daily. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Vulnerable Americans are risking their time and safety to travel to their nearest field office because DOGE wants to cut down office space. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Employees are receiving policy changes simultaneously with the public without training, incentivized to leave their career, exposed to potential mishandling of sensitive information and are witnessing critical staff support staff reductions. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Leadership's extreme disconnect from the realities of American workers and retirees has gone too far. They are using words like "Ponzi Scheme" and "Fraud" to undermine America's confidence in the Agency. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

They are using nonsensical ID proofing policy changes to root out fraud, when there is not any. They want to overburden our field office staff to further reduce our Agency. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

The Social Security Administration currently operates at less than 1% of benefit outlays compared to 10% to 20% for private insurance, but DOGE wants to pave a way to contracting out at a higher cost to taxpayers. They are also refusing to lift the earnings cap in efforts to privatize Social Security. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

They are trying to dismantle our Union because we are using our voices and speaking out. We will continue to speak out to protect the workers that serve the American public daily. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

Americans deserve to have field offices they can reach in a timely manner. They deserve access to an employee over the phone without waiting hours on end. They deserve the benefits that they earned through years of workforce contributions. **Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

We deserve restoration of order and stability within the Social Security Administration. We deserve an adequate workforce that is not constantly being destroyed. We deserve administrative funding that allows us to adequately serve the public daily. And we deserve RESPECT for our work in delivering critical benefits. **So, Tell DOGE to keep its HANDS OFF Social Security.**

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