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Tax increases will not permanently fix Social Security

Peter Theron, candidate for Wisconsin's Second Congressional District, reacted to the tax-increase trial balloon contained in a report of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. The report claims that the tax increases will make Social Security solvent.

Theron stated, "Since 1929 no level of federal taxation has ever produced revenue more than 20% of GDP. That means that hiking Social Security taxes either by increasing the tax rate or increasing the wage limit will not increase government revenues. All that will happen is that more of the government revenue will be put in the Social Security pot and less will be put in the general fund to pay for things like the federal courts or the Border Patrol."

Theron continued, "The claim that Social Security taxes are kept in a trust fund for the taxpayer's retirement means that increasing taxes also increases Social Security's liabilities. Social Security is a Ponzi scheme. It uses the money taken from current workers to pay its promises to former workers. It will always need more revenue. The tax increases in 1983 were supposed to keep the system solvent for 75 years. But once again we are told that more revenue is needed. Why? By focusing on a limited time horizon, the experts can claim that increased revenue will solve the problem. All that happened in 1983 and is being proposed now is kicking the problem down the road."

Theron concluded, "To save Social Security and Medicare we must reform them along the lines presented in Paul Ryan's Roadmap for America's Future. This common-sense reform of Medicare and Social Security grandfathers in those who are retired or near retirement. Those who are younger and have more time to adjust will be given sustainable options that, coupled with their own savings, will allow them to pay for health insurance and retirement."

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