

Federal drug plan is vote-buying scheme of a very costly variety

Howard Johnson's letter to the editor on prescription drugs was refreshing to read and right on the mark. It is time others speak out about buying senior votes with our tax dollars.

As of the end of 2002, those currently retired, along with employers, paid \$2.51 trillion in Social Security Old Age Taxes for \$6.47 trillion in benefits! Who are they trying to fool when they say, "I paid for my Social Security benefits"? Today, Social Security's unfunded liability is over \$11.5 trillion. The Medicare problem is even worse, and they want to spend more.

Let your senator know how you feel toll free (1-800-869-3150).

Just disregard the propaganda and stay on the line until the system can connect you directly to the senator's office.

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