

And So, It Begins...

As negotiations over our nation's congressionally imposed debt limit begin, USW Local Unions and activists have been working hard passing resolutions and collecting signatures to demand that Congress [makes NO CUTS to critical retirement security programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. \(usw.to/NoCuts\)](#) Tuesday, the first House leadership proposal, [H.R. 2811 the Limit, Save, Grow Act, \(usw.to/4kg\)](#) was introduced marking the official beginning of what is sure to be a lengthy process. H.R. 2811 includes several provisions that are especially disappointing but in true Steelworker fashion, we got to work!

- USW President, Tom Conway, sent a letter to the House opposing the bill and detailing some of the many egregious provisions which can be read [HERE \(usw.to/4kh\)](#)
- Rapid Response sent out additional ActionCalls specifically regarding provisions that would [threaten funding for the Butch Lewis Act \(usw.to/4k7\)](#) and [our nations veterans' programs \(http://usw.to/4ke\)](#)
- And thousands of USW members from across the United States made phone calls and sent letters to their representatives.

However yesterday, after only two short days, the House voted to pass this harmful bill. To see how your Representative voted click [HERE \(usw.to/4kj\)](#).

Next Stop the U.S. Senate!

As the bill heads to the Senate, we must let our elected leaders know where we stand on these dangerous provisions.

Here is how you can help:

1. **Make sure your local has passed our No Cuts resolution and collected signatures of support from your members. For more information, including instructions and a downloadable copy of the resolution and signature pages, go to [usw.to/NoCuts](#).**
2. **Send a pre-written email to your Senators to tell them hands off our retirement security [HERE \(usw.to/4k6\)](#)**
3. **Send a pre-written email to your Senators urging them to honor our nation's veterans and reject cuts to veterans' spending [HERE \(usw.to/4kd\)](#).**



Negotiations over our nation's debt limit take time and Congress still has a lot of work ahead. The USW will be there holding their feet to the fire every step of the way to protect these critical retirement security and veterans' programs and ensure that workers have a voice in the process.