Here's a picture of Phil when he was just 9. His Dad and I were always so proud of him and I know he'll make a good U. S. Senator and protect my Social Security and yours.

Florence Gramm

October 22, 1984

FLORENCE SCROGGINS GRAMM

Dear Friend,

During the 39 years my husband Kenneth and I worked hard and paid Social Security, we never questioned the need for a retirement plan. After my husband died, I never had any doubts that the government would keep its promise to me. But just like you, over the past few years all that started to change.

I started to worry if the money would be there as long as I needed it. But unlike a lot of people, when I started to worry I didn't have much problem getting a Congressman's ear.

In fact, that Congressman still calls me every Sunday at just about 2 o'clock, no matter where he is or how busy his job is keeping him. You see, Phil Gramm calls me every Sunday because he's my son.

I hope you won't take this as just a silly letter from an old, proud woman. But I did want to talk to you about Social Security and my son.

Phil understands the importance of Social Security since he knows that without my $333.00 check each month, I would lose the house that Phil's father and I bought. And what worries me more is I'd lose my independence. That's awfully important to me at 72 years old, as I'm sure you'd understand.

Phil has not played politics with Social Security as so many in Congress have. He has tried to make sure the money is always there

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and to see that the Government keeps the promise it made to us. That hasn't always been easy or popular. Now Phil is giving up his seat in Congress to run for Texas U.S. Senate seat this year.

If he's elected to the Senate, you don't have to worry about him ever forgetting those of us who depend on Social Security because I'll be there to remind him. He is not going to let anyone take away my check or yours.

I was worried when Phil gave up a good job at Texas A & M to run for Congress in 1978, because I didn't think someone who was not rich could win, but now I'm so proud of what he has done since he has been in Congress. And I'm very proud that he is running for the U.S. Senate. Phil is not afraid to do the right thing. He puts plain people like us before the Washington big shots.

I hope you'll join me in trying to keep Phil on the job and promote him to the U.S. Senate by voting for him on Tuesday, November 6th.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Florence Scroggins Gramm

P.S. Phil is a good son, a good husband and fine father to my grandchildren. You can bet I'll keep reminding him about how important our Social Security is to us. Thank you for reading my letter.