



A Message from Congressman Charlie Melancon

Over the course of the past few months, I've opened up four district offices, held dozens of formal and informal Melancon Meetings with constituents and fielded hundreds of phone calls and letters. The issue most on the minds of people in our area is Social Security.

Let me be very clear about my position on this issue. I'll support a plan that insures Social Security is strengthened for current retirees and future generations. I will not support any plan that takes money out of the Social Security Trust Fund to place in private accounts.

The debate in Congress will begin soon on this issue. I look forward to hearing any suggestions you might have on the issue.

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Melancon Meetings Held Throughout the 3rd District

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The first few months of 2005 were hectic for Congressman Charlie Melancon but during that time Congressman Melancon held dozens of formal and informal Melancon Meetings throughout the district. The most frequent topic of discussion was the debate on reforming the Social Security system.



Above: Congressman Melancon talks about Social Security at a local luncheon.

Congressman Melancon made it clear at all of the meetings that his position will be to oppose any changes that weaken the Social Security system, cut the guaranteed benefits that Americans have earned, or add trillions of dollars to our national debt.

Congressman Melancon Opens Four District Offices

Congressman Melancon has opened four district offices in the 3rd Congressional district. These offices provide direct service to the citizens of the 3rd District including assistance with federal agencies, programs, and grant opportunities. The four offices are:



Congressman Melancon Secures **\$30 Million** for 3rd District

Congressman Melancon secured \$30 million in project funding for Louisiana's 3rd Congressional District in transportation and infrastructure projects.

With an average project appropriation of nearly \$1.7 million each, the bill's 18 projects address vital needs in every corner of the expansive 3rd District. The projects include:

\$5 million for the critical LA-1 Leeville Bridge leading to Port Fourchon and the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port

\$5 million for a North-South corridor connecting Houma/Thibodaux to I-10

- **\$2.75 million** for improved I-10 access from St. John and Ascension parishes
- **\$2 million** in New Iberia for rail grade separation to improve safety
- **\$2.1 million** for the Kerner bridge in Lafitte
- \$1 million for improvements to the Port of St. Bernard Intermodal facility
- **\$1 million** for improvements to Peters Road in Plaquemines Parish



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To contact Congressman Charlie Melancon please use one of the District Offices listed below.

Congressman Melancon discusses Social Security at a local senior center.

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828 South Irma Boulevard Gonzales, LA Tel: 225.621.8490 Fax: 225.621.8493

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