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Dear ToNew York,

I wanted to make sure you had a chance to join nearly 200,000 Americans who, in just a couple of weeks, have spoken out on behalf of the thousands of older Americans and people with disabilities whose Social Security benefits are being garnished to pay off student loans. We've partnered with 20 organizations whose members have created a groundswell that the federal government can't ignore. Add your voice by [signing the petition now](#).

Currently around 160,000 elderly Social Security beneficiaries and an additional 83,000 people with disabilities between the ages of 50-65 are having their benefits garnished to pay off student loans. The government can garnish all benefits up to a \$750/month, a limit that puts an individual living alone at just over 75% of the federal poverty line.

The millions of older Americans living in poverty don't need another bite taken out of their meager monthly incomes. And, with the student debt crisis, this is an issue that has the potential to affect us all.

[Please sign the petition today.](#)

Thank you for joining this movement,  
Kevin

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