

Tuesday's letters: Social Security

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To the editor: Kay Hagan will protect traditional Social Security. Republicans like Thom Tillis would likely privatize Social Security. If you plan on retiring one day, then you should be against Social Security privatization.

In 2005, George W. Bush bragged about his plan to take 10 percent out of Social Security and put it into private accounts. (It's in his book, "Decision Points.") It's a downward spiral from 10 percent to total privatization that we could never recover from.

Once you start private accounts, then the general fund runs out, and Social Security is gone forever. I voted for Sen. Hagan in 2008 because she was against privatization.

The Cato Institute, co-founded by the Koch brothers (who have spent millions in North Carolina for Republicans such as Tillis), wants privatization. Read the institute's literature. It likes the idea of "transforming Social Security into a system of individual accounts." Sen. Hagan would support traditional Social Security.

Conservatives like the Koch brothers have never really accepted Social Security. They don't believe in government. If they could disable Social Security with private accounts, it would vindicate their cynicism.

Social Security has to be protected from privatization. Vote for Sen. Hagan to keep traditional Social Security.

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