

Testimony

My name is Carl Jordan, I served 33 years as a Canton City Firefighter/Medic and Captain. During that time, I worked a shift of 24 hours on duty and 48 hrs. Off. I worked several jobs during those off hours. I've worked as a paramedic for a private ambulance company for a period of approximately 5 years. But the second job I most cherished and enjoyed was working first as a phlebotomist, then training as an apheresis technician, and eventually becoming a supervisor for first Mercy Medical Center blood donor room which was eventually taken over by life Share community blood services. Both organizations collected blood and blood products that were drawn and utilized in the stark county area. After becoming certified as a apheresis technician I collected platelets, plasma, red and white blood cells to be used by residents who required treatment for various types of cancer and a variety of other diseases. I worked for these organizations for approximately 20 years and enjoyed providing for my family as well as the community of Stark County. I also had hoped that the additional income would help support my retirement when the time came. I have always been a public service minded individual with concern for family and community. I was disappointed to learn that the monies I had paid into social security would be reduced because of a law that limited the amount of benefits I was entitled to receive. I was always taught by my parents that if you work hard and keep your nose clean good things will happen for you. I can see now that that is not always the case as the benefits I should receive from social security have been reduced by almost 25 percent. It is my hope that by testifying here today that those hard-working men and women that come after me will not

share the same fate that has limited my retirement by a reduction in the benefit's paid out by the social security administration after paying in the amounts required by law. I will continue to serve my community and fellow firefighters for as long as physically possible and hope that in the future that this improperly titled Windfall Elimination Provision is corrected so that everyone who pays their fair share is treated equally.