

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District released the following statement today in response to recent comments from House Republican Leader Eric Cantor regarding the future of Social Security. [National Public Radio reported](#) that while discussing Social Security, Cantor said: “We’re going to have to come to grips with the fact that these programs cannot exist if we want America to be what we want it to be.”

“I don’t know what Republican Leader Cantor wants America to be, but I believe that if we want America to continue to be a great nation that we must take steps to strengthen Social Security, not eliminate it. Just last week, I met with seniors from Ponce De Leon senior community in Santa Fe, and when I asked them if they supported privatizing a program that has helped millions of seniors achieve a dignified retirement, not one person said yes. Not one person said they wanted Social Security to end. They could not have been clearer: New Mexico seniors rely on the guaranteed benefit that they have earned, and we must work to strengthen this successful program so that the next generation of retirees will be able to count on Social Security in their golden years. I will continue to fight against any Republican attack that seeks to weaken or eliminate Social Security.”

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