



Statement of Senator Feinstein on Internet Ad Attacking AARP  
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**Washington, DC** – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) today spoke out against a “test” Internet ad launched by USA Next that viciously attacked AARP.

**“This is a vile and despicable ad. It preys on fears and prejudice against gays to make its point. It reaches deep into the basement of American politics.**

**The question of how we reform Social Security is one of the most important questions facing our nation. It is my hope that there can be a civil dialogue and an honest exchange of ideas about how to ensure Social Security continues to provide Americans with a secure safety net.**

**In my view, there is no place for these types of ads, which only serve to destroy efforts at bipartisanship and polarize our nation even further.**

**I understand that this ad was released as only a ‘test.’ It is my hope that those who have produced it recognize that their test has failed and choose not to air this or similar ads in the future.**

**I call on President Bush to oppose this ad and to publicly denounce efforts to support his privatization plan with lies, prejudice, and distortion.”**

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