The Seniors Coalition has collected 100,003 petitions in favor of a major overhaul of the way Social Security CoLAs are computed. The massive, nationwide petition drive is one of the Coalition’s most important ever and demonstrates that America’s senior citizens are tired of the accounting gimmicks being used by the federal government to deny them a fair cost-of-living adjustment.

The petition specifically demands that Congress pass a law that guarantees seniors a 3% CoLA each year, but it is an integral part of TSC’s larger effort to force Congress to address CoLA reform.

“Seniors are really suffering now,” says Dr. Joseph Bridges, TSC’s President and CEO. “They haven’t received a CoLA in the past two years. The Seniors Coalition has estimated that the average senior citizen has received $1,266 less in additional benefits because of this fact. This is a huge sum for seniors. That is why we are lobbying in support of this guaranteed 3% CoLA law and demanding that inflation for seniors be based on realistic numbers, not the nonsense statistics that the bureaucrats are using right now.”

The campaign began at the end of last year and the reports on the

A Tribute to the Memory of Those Who Served in “The Great War”

America mourned the loss of its “Last Doughboy” when Frank Woodruff Buckles died at the age of 110 on February 27. A supporter in Kennebunkport, Maine, sent a letter to Mr. Buckles last year, which was recently shared with The Seniors Coalition. The writer gave us permission to publish it, in order to help draw attention to Mr. Buckles’ final campaign: a national World War I memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. At present, there is only a small memorial dedicated to the local war dead, and it is largely neglected and in a state of disrepair. Mr. Buckles hoped to see it refurbished and rededicated in honor of all Americans who served their country in “The Great War.” The Seniors Coalition supports that aim and takes pleasure in sharing this excellent story about the memorial with you.

June 23, 2010
Dear Mr. Buckles,

A couple of weeks ago, I read the article in the Sunday paper about your cause to create a national monument in D.C. It brought back a lot of memories of my boyhood and time spent in the District of Columbia in the early 1950s. We kids would go there to visit my maternal grandmother. I heard the story of my uncle, Maurice B. Snyder, many times. He was killed in 1918 by a German sniper.

The author, Loren B. Harmon of Kennebunkport, Maine, and his wife pose in front of the District of Columbia World War I Memorial during a 1989 family vacation.
Congresswoman Backs Up TSC on Social Security Threats

Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann recently backed up TSC’s criticism of President Obama’s threat to withhold Social Security checks if he didn’t get his way on a deal to raise the nation’s debt limit. During an August 14th appearance on “Meet the Press,” Bachman said, “The other statement that was made was by the President, saying to senior citizens, ‘We don’t know if you’ll get your Social Security checks in August.’ There were people in Dexter, Iowa, who canceled their Internet, who canceled their satellite TV because they didn’t think that the President was going to get their Social Security check to them. That was more than irresponsible, it sent a very bad signal. I wouldn’t do that to senior citizens.”

New TSC Discount With Wyndham Hotels

In an effort to demonstrate our new and improved benefits, The Seniors Coalition recently resumed promoting Wyndham Hotels. During this special offer, TSC members will receive an additional 10% off the “Best Available Rate” at participating locations every time you travel.

Just mention The Seniors Coalition (and special discount ID number 67067) at time of booking to receive your discount. Start saving now, and call our special member benefits hotline and reserve your room today at one of these hotel chains: AmeriHost Inn®, Super 8®, Days Inn®, Travel Lodge®, Howard Johnson®, Wingate by Wyndham®, Knights Inn®, Wyndham Hotels®, Ramada®, Baymont Inns®. For more information, visit www.senior.org.

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Dear Friend,

President Obama is killing us!

Not literally, of course. However, his bald-faced lie about how seniors wouldn’t get their Social Security benefits in August has convinced many of our best supporters to delay renewing their TSC memberships.

My friends, we need you. If you haven’t already done so, then please renew your membership right away. Or, if you aren’t yet a member, then please join The Seniors Coalition today.

You see, we can’t keep fighting for CoLA reform, the Social Security Lockbox, the repeal of the Death Tax or any of the myriad issues that seniors care about unless our members continue to stand by us.

Now, I certainly understand that many of you just want to be cautious and that times are very tough right now. However, we can’t stand up to Barack Obama without you. Your membership dues help us pay for the grassroots programs and lobbying we need to defeat Barack Obama’s schemes to cut Medicare, to ration medical procedures, and to loot the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for more boondoggle “stimulus” spending.

Don’t let Obama win. Please join or renew your TSC membership right away.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
TSC Collects 100,003 Guaranteed CoLA Petitions

petition drive are being sent up to Capitol Hill as they are received. “One hundred thousand petitions is a lot of petitions nowadays,” Bridges explains. “However, we aren’t going to let up on this issue until we get what we want. That means this petition campaign will keep going.”

As inflation keeps rising, especially in products and services related to medical care, TSC believes that Congress will come under increasing pressure to reform CoLAs. However, the Coalition doesn’t want this battle to go on that long. “In a couple of years, the financial pain will be too much to bear for most of America’s senior citizens,” Bridges warns. “We need to pressure Congress now.”

TSC now has three mammoth long-term petition drives underway. The CoLA reform campaign, the Anti-Social Security Totalization effort, which has generated more than 858,000 petitions, and the Social Security Lock-Box Petition Drive, with more than 953,000 signatures and is the largest petition drive in TSC history.

A Tribute to the Memory of Those Who Served in “The Great War”

Grandma Bernice still mourned this loss every day.

Rare was the evening that conversation did not include some account of her struggle to bring the D.C. war memorial into being.

I want to tell you a little story. In 1989, my wife and I made a trip to Washington, D.C., mostly to show our 13-year old daughter the sights, and to visit for the first time “The Wall.” Our war had been Vietnam; I was an Army warrant officer helicopter pilot and Mary had been an Army nurse at the evac hospital at Qui Nhon, R.V.N. After an emotional visit to that monument, our little family was making its way past the Lincoln Memorial, down the edge of the reflecting pool on that idyllic spring morning, when my daughter pointed at a gray dome out in the trees and asked what it was. I said, “I don’t know, but let’s go and find out.” It didn’t take long.

A flood of memories came rushing back, long out of mind, but I was able to put the pieces together and tell the story. We climbed all over it and walked around it ‘til my eyes came to rest on that name: Maurice B. Snyder. I couldn’t help running my fingers through the grooves of the letters, just as I know my grandmother and mother must have done.

If people think that old neglected orphan of a monument is forgotten, I for one would advise them otherwise.

A few years ago, I joined the D.C. Preservation League, with what has become my special agenda. I do not know what I can do to further this cause to save the memorial, but I will help if I can!

I pray this letter finds you in good health. I would love to hear some of your stories.

God bless you,
Loren Harmon

Mr. Harmon’s letter found Mr. Buckles still enjoying quite good health, despite his age, when it was written in June 2010. In fact, Mr. Buckles was in relatively good health and in excellent spirits until the very day he died at age 110 earlier this year. However, the fight to bring a national World War I memorial to our nation’s capital is a fight that goes on to this day. It is not only in memory of Frank W. Buckles, but in memory of all Americans who served—and died—in “The War to End All Wars” that The Seniors Coalition is proud to join this noble cause. For more information, and to join the online petition drive, visit http://www.WWImemorial.org or write: World War I Memorial Foundation, 401 “F” Street, N.W., Suite 324, Washington, DC 20001.
TSC Calls for Criminal Investigation of Use of Taxpayer Funds to Campaign for Democrats

The Seniors Coalition is demanding that a criminal investigation be launched into partisan campaign activities undertaken by Department of Health and Human Services Committee staff members last October.

Department officials apparently used taxpayer funds to conduct internet advertising campaigns promoting Obamacare in order to help the elections prospects of Democrat members of Congress.

According to evidence uncovered by the nonpartisan Judicial Watch legal organization, on October 25, 2010, Department of Health and Human Services New Media Communications Director Julia Eisman sent an email to the department's public relations agency stating, “Given the high performance (of past Obamacare ads), we're wondering if we should consider reallocating resources from the lesser performing (internet search) words and put more $$ to 'Obamacare' - at least for the next 7 days.” Seven days from October 25, 2010, was November 2nd, Election Day.

“What the bureaucrats at HHS were doing must be criminal,” says Dr. Joseph Bridges, TSC’s President and CEO. “This is nothing less than a Soviet-style propaganda campaign. The Justice Department must launch a criminal investigation and prosecute everyone involved in using public funds for partisan political campaigning.”

Bridges says the Coalition will make this demand part of its national campaign to repeal Obamacare. “We aren’t going to drop this issue. If the Obama Justice Department won’t do its job, then we’ll go to Congress and demand an investigation. The government cannot be allowed to use the federal treasury like a campaign slush fund.” ▲

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