TSC Figures Average Senior May Lose $2,532 Due to CoLA Cancellations

A new analysis conducted by The Seniors Coalition concludes that the average American senior citizen may lose $2,532 due to President Barack Obama's cancellation of Social Security CoLAs. A previous analysis concluded the figure was $1,266, but now that the 2012 CoLA may be cancelled due to higher Medicare premiums, seniors will lose even more.

“This is why we need CoLA reform,” complains TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “Every year, seniors lose more and more money because of this Administration’s policies. Inflation is way up, so seniors are losing that way. Then, because the Administration has decided to fund some of its lavish government spending by cancelling CoLAs, seniors lose even more.”

The TSC analysis explains that since CoLAs are based on the previous year’s level of benefits, seniors are falling further and further behind where they should be. “Seniors should think of it like compound interest they receive from the bank,” Bridges says. “But instead of receiving more payments, the loss in Social Security benefits compounds in reverse. That is how we came up with the $2,532 figure. Even if seniors get a fair CoLA next year, that

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The Seniors Coalition once again took the lead in attacking President Obama for his recent suggestion that if he didn’t get his way on a deal to hike the federal government’s debt limit, seniors would not receive their Social Security payments.

In a statement released immediately after Obama’s threat but before a debt limit agreement was reached, TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges bluntly declared, “President Obama’s recent threat to stop paying Social Security benefits to America’s senior citizens if an agreement is not reached to raise the debt ceiling is a disgusting display of arrogance and political gamesmanship. Numerous experts including former Treasury Department officials have stated that despite the gross mismanagement of the Social Security Trust Fund over the years, the government will still

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The Results of The Seniors Coalition’s 2011 Legislative Survey Campaign are in and, once again, it is clear that TSC’s supporters want the Coalition to keep fighting in Washington. Here are the complete results:

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Dear Friend,

The Seniors Coalition has never been busier. Every day it seems America’s seniors come under attack from the professional politicians.

Most recently, President Obama threatened to withhold Social Security checks unless he got authority to borrow and spend an additional $3 trillion. I gave Mr. Obama a piece of my mind in a statement the Coalition released right after he issued that threat and, it seems the President got the message. He may have gotten his way on the debt ceiling debate, but he was reminded once again to not mess with America’s senior citizens and TSC!

CoLA reform is another critical issue. As we report on the front page of this month’s newsletter, cancelling Social Security CoLAs over the last several years and again in 2012 has a profound effect on seniors. The average American senior may lose $2,532 because of this nonsense. And that number will keep increasing each year until we fix this broken and corrupt system!

TSC has made CoLA reform a top priority and I will be asking you for your help in lobbying Congress on this issue in the coming months.

Finally, we have just released the results of our 2011 Legislative Survey of TSC supporters. I am pleased to see that you still support our work and that you agree on the need to continue fighting for you on issues like Medicare, the repeal of Obamacare and taxes on Social Security benefits.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
benefit hike won’t make up for the years when they didn’t. America’s seniors are falling further and further behind.”

The Seniors Coalition is once again expanding its national grassroots campaign, promoting a complete overhaul of the way the government computes Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustments as a result of this analysis. “Inflation is getting worse,” says Bridges. “And President Obama refuses to acknowledge that fact. So we are going to give the politicians heck over it.”

TSC members should have received last month a new urgent letter about this campaign signed by Dr. Bridges that includes a petition demanding CoLA reform. Any member or supporter who has not had the chance to sign the petition can do so at TSC’s website at www.senior.org.

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be able to pay out scheduled benefits if the debt ceiling is not raised by August 2nd should the Administration choose to do so. President Obama’s statement that Social Security checks may not go out in August is a not-so-veiled threat against America’s senior citizens. If Social Security payments do not go out on time or at all in August it will be because the President chose to not make those payments. The fault will be his and his alone.”

TSC also urged its members and supporters to call the White House to demand the President weigh in on the matter. Congressional Democrats, however, kept up the rhetoric. “The fact is,” says Bridges, “the Obama Administration has now admitted what TSC has been warning America about for twenty years. The Social Security Trust Fund is broke. The politicians have spent years looting it. And because of that, there actually is a very real risk that the Trust Fund can’t pay seniors what they are owed and that the federal government must borrow money in order to keep its promises to senior citizens. Fortunately, the government’s cash flow is good enough that it can keep paying out benefits even if it isn’t allowed or able to borrow more money. Other spending priorities would have to take a back seat to Social Security, in that event, and that is exactly as it should be.”

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TSC Totalization Petition Drive Nears 1,000,000 signatures

The Seniors Coalition’s second-largest grass roots campaign in the organization’s history is approaching an historic milestone: 1,000,000 petition signers.

The campaign is TSC’s response to efforts to implement the Social Security Totalization Agreement signed by the George W. Bush Administration. That agreement would extend benefits to Mexican illegal aliens. Supporters of the controversial measure claim that it is critical to maintaining good relations with the Mexican government, but The Seniors Coalition’s Board of Directors disagrees and TSC has been fighting the proposal since 2003. Since then, 858,183 petitions have been collected by TSC’s staff.

“So far we have been able to stop the politicians from ratifying this horrible treaty,” says TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “However, things can change on a dime with this issue and the Senate could bring the treaty up for consideration at any time. President Obama sees pandering to illegal aliens as critical to his strategy for getting reelected.”

Anyone who has not yet signed the petition can do so at The Seniors Coalition website which may be found at www.Senior.org.
“Most Important Membership Drive in TSC History” Continues

Because of the nation’s fiscal situation, the Social Security CoLA crisis, and the continued battle over Obamacare and health care rationing, TSC President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges says that this year’s membership drive is “the most critical in American history.”

“We desperately need to renew all of our current members and recruit a record number of new ones,” says Bridges. “TSC is only as strong as its membership. With the great battles that face us in Washington, we need as many people helping us as possible. The bigger we are, the more the politicians on Capitol Hill will pay attention to our demands.”

Annual dues fund a significant portion of The Seniors Coalition’s annual budget. However, when TSC was first founded, the Coalition’s board decided to keep annual dues low in order to allow as many seniors to join as possible. Since then, TSC has never raised the price of membership. Recruiting more and more members has always been TSC’s main goal.

That commitment to keeping membership costs low comes at a price, however. A majority of TSC’s annual budget must be raised through additional, voluntary gifts from loyal members. That’s why the Coalition regularly asks for contributions as part of our grassroots petition drives and survey campaigns.

Pending Bills Before Congress of Concern to Senior Citizens

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We Need Your Stories!
How have President Obama’s cuts to Medicare affected you? We would like to reprint some of the stories our members have about the recent changes to Medicare. Has your favorite doctor stopped seeing Medicare patients? Has Medicare’s customer service gotten worse? Write us with your thoughts and stories:
THE SENIORS COALITION
1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

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The Seniors Coalition depends exclusively on voluntary membership dues and contributions from the general public to represent America’s senior citizens in Washington. If you would like to help our efforts please clip and return this coupon with any contribution you can afford.

☐ YES! I would like to help The Seniors Coalition keep fighting to protect senior citizens. Enclosed is my contribution of:

☐ $10 ☐ $15 ☐ $25 ☐ $50
☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ Other $_______

Name: ___________________________ Date: __________
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