Seniors Coalition Lobbies House and Senate for Anti-Totalization Legislation to Protect Social Security

The Seniors Coalition's legislative team has been hard at work in both the House and Senate seeking an original sponsor for a Social Security anti-totalization bill, protecting Social Security benefits from being shipped to Mexico.

“The real problem with any such agreement between America and Mexico is our current immigration policies,” stated President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “We simply don’t know exactly how many illegal immigrants are in America and working using fake Social Security numbers and doctored green cards,” continued Bridges. “We will be meeting with Senator Chuck Grassley in the next week or so to continued on page 3

The Seniors Coalition Launches 2017 National Legislative Survey

The Seniors Coalition surveys its members to help guide each year’s legislative agenda.

Seniors Coalition Board of Directors member Joel Harris exits the Dirksen Senate Office Building after a day or meetings with Senators in hopes of establishing a law prohibiting any Social Security Agreement with Mexico.

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landscape has changed immensely since the November election,” continued Bridges. “We will take our due diligence to calculate the results to make sure our legislative goals and priorities are in line with our members and supporters.”

The results of your national survey will be sent with a press release to Congress, The White House, and top national news outlets. “The most important thing to me is that we represent our members and supporters in an honest and transparent way,” explains Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “I am confident that the results will undeniably prove that

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The Seniors Coalition staff sorts and tallies your 2017 Legislative Survey results to report them to Congress, The White House, and the media.

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Dear Friend,
Now that the 115th Congress is in full swing, I want to take this month’s message to thank all of The Seniors Coalition’s loyal members and supporters.

Thank you for all that you have done in support of our mission to protect Social Security. I think about all the time and effort you have put into participating in our national survey and petition drives. I think about how you have sacrificed for the betterment of your fellow senior citizen. Then, I think about how much more work we have to do together to ensure that senior citizens get what they have earned. That’s where the opportunity in front of us in the 115th Congress becomes such a critical time to act. I know I can count on your continued support to protect not only your rights, but the rights of your fellow senior citizens.

So to all Seniors Coalition members, let me say thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for not only supporting the Seniors Coalition, but thank you for caring for your country so much that you are willing to make sacrifices in your own life to ensure that future generations of senior citizens will not have to make the same sacrifices you’ve made. THANK YOU!

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
discuss a bill in the Senate, as well as Congressman Rohrabacher’s staff in the House. Something must be done to protect Social Security for American seniors who have been forced to pay into the Social Security Trust Fund for their entire working lives."

Your support will be needed as soon as these bills have been introduced. Please also make sure to sign our Totalization petition when you receive it in the mail, as well as calling your Congressman and Senators to voice your opinion that no Social Security benefits should be shipped to Mexico. ▲

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

I want to bring a couple of issues to all Seniors Coalition members’ and supporters’ attention about key pieces of legislation to watch over the next several months.

First, Congressman Eliot Engel’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA bill is critical to senior citizens. Over the course of the history of the Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA), seniors have received an average increase in the Social Security benefits of 3.9% annually. The Seniors Coalition feels there is no reason why there can’t be a bare minimum yearly CoLA to ensure that seniors who rely solely on their Social Security benefits don’t get crushed by inflation.

Senator John Thune and Congresswoman Kristi Noem have sponsored Death Tax Repeal bills in both the House and Senate that are gaining cosponsors daily. The death tax continues to haunt families as they grieve the loss of loved ones, while the IRS comes knocking at the door looking for its cut. It is very important to call your elected officials and voice your support for both of these critical bills before they are debated on the floors of Congress.

That’s all for this month. If you have any questions or comments about our legislative or grassroots lobbying efforts, please contact me directly at 202-261-3594 ▲

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Your 2017 Guaranteed 3% CoLA Petition Will Arrive Soon!

Your 2017 Seniors Coalition national CoLA petition drive should be arriving in your mailbox shortly. Seniors have once again been denied a fair raise in their Social Security benefits, but together you and I can make sure seniors will never be short changed again by the bean counters on Capitol Hill.

It’s critical that you sign and return your Seniors Coalition Guaranteed 3% CoLA petition as soon as possible, so we can use your voice to gain as many cosponsors as possible. Your participation in our national surveys and petition drives is imperative to our success on Capitol Hill. Now is not the time to stand back and watch, now is the time to act!

As we visit Congressional offices with stacks and stacks of your signed petitions, we become more than just a grassroots lobbying group for senior citizens. We become a messenger for the voices of hundreds of thousands of Seniors Coalition members who are tired of being short changed on their annual CoLAs as the prices of goods and services critical to seniors keep rising.

Thank you for your continued support of The Seniors Coalition. Without your constant participation, our mission of fighting for senior citizens simply wouldn’t be possible.

GUARANTEED 3% ANNUAL CoLA PETITION TO CONGRESS

Do the Right Thing: Make My 3% Annual CoLA a Law! Make It Retroactive to January 2010 — Give Me My Full and Fair CoLA and— GIVE OUR $5,908 BACK!

To the Members of Congress:
I’m a Senior Citizen and rely on my Social Security benefits. I cannot stay home for the rest of my life, and I will not allow my monthly Social Security benefits to be cut by the bean counters on Capitol Hill.

I support legislation called the “Guaranteed 3% CoLA for Seniors Act” (H.R. 991 in the 115th Congress). I want a guaranteed 3% CoLA every year in my Social Security, health care, and other benefits. I want a real increase in my Social Security benefits! You can’t just give me the 0.3% that Congress cowardly approved in 2016 — and then another 0.3% in 2017, on top of that.

While you high and mighty Members of Congress vote to give yourself $174,000 per year “base salaries,” you made a big show of voting yes to your automatic pay hike. Congress’s “CoLA” increase would have been an extra $19,200 per year — this “extra” money is more than the average Social Security beneficiary’s $14,066 total for the whole year! Seniors deserve a fair CoLA!

I join with The Seniors Coalition and its millions of supporters nationwide to DEMAND that Senior Citizens and our Social Security CoLA must be at the top of Congress’s agenda. I demand that you vote to approve H.R. 991 in the 115th Congress — retroactive to the start of 2010 to give us our $5,908 back — and guarantee me a 3% CoLA every year from now on!

A Disappointed and Angry Senior Citizen,
Signed

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