For just the third time in the history of the Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment (CoLA), senior citizens will not be receiving a raise in their 2016 Social Security benefits.

“Seniors should be furious,” states President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “For only the third time in

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U.S. News and World Report
Interviews Seniors Coalition After CoLA Announcement

U.S. News and World Report magazine interviewed Seniors Coalition Executive Director Sean Ferritor following the official government announcement that senior citizens will not be receiving a Cost-of-Living Adjustment in 2016.

“They were interested to know how seniors were going to react to this news,” states Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “Our members are incredibly active on this issue, signing over 300,000 petitions in favor of a guaranteed 3% CoLA. Time and time again I hear directly from seniors that this is the most important issue facing them right now. The cost of gasoline may be going down. But the cost of electricity, prescriptions, groceries, medical care, things seniors rely on for survival, they aren’t going anywhere but up.” Ferritor continued.

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Dear Friend,

Thank you, for all that you have done in support of our program and mission in 2015. As the New Year begins, it is imperative that you continue to stay active in our national survey campaigns and petitions drives.

Due to the recent announcement that seniors will not be receiving a 2016 CoLA, it is more important than ever to double up on our efforts to pass Congressman Eliot Engel’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA bill. Your help will be a critical weapon in this battle. We must continue to flood Congressional offices with your signed Guaranteed 3% CoLA petitions. Together, I know we can finally get the attention of Congress to rectify a problem that is now all too common.

Thank you, Seniors Coalition members, for your constant support and participation in our national petition drives and survey campaigns. As I have said many times, without you, our mission simply wouldn’t be possible. I look forward to working harder than ever for you in 2016.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
Seniors Once Again Denied Cost-of-Living Adjustment by Federal Government Under Obama

history, and all under the current administration I might add, the bean counters in Washington, D.C., have found a way to deny seniors a fair raise in their Social Security benefits."

The Seniors Coalition currently has 304,680 signed petitions in favor of H.R. 3588. This bill was introduced by U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), who has called on The Seniors Coalition to help him get it passed by Congress. The current petition drive is the Coalition’s response. “I want to personally thank all Seniors Coalition members who have participated in our petition drive to ensure that seniors are afforded a fair and equitable CoLA,” stated President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “We will not stop fighting for our members on this issue. It’s too important for the well-being of millions of seniors across America,” concluded Bridges. ▲

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

The New Year has arrived, and with it comes great optimism and hope.

Congressman Eliot Engel has once again reintroduced the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Bill (H.R. 3588) and has personally sought the help of The Seniors Coalition and our members in gaining cosponsors for this critical piece of legislation. I will continue to work side by side with Congressman Engel’s staff to identify potential cosponsors, but I need your help too. Please call your Congressman directly at 202-224-3121 and voice your support for H.R. 3588.

Congressman Dana Rohrabacher has also asked the Seniors Coalition membership to stand up and fight for the No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act (H.R. 1716). Thanks to your participation, we met with Congressman Rohrabacher to present him with your signed petitions and he personally asked us to rally the troops to gain support for his legislation. I know I can count on your continued support!

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. ▲

Seniors Coalition legislative staff prepares your signed petitions in favor of a Guaranteed 3% CoLA to be sent to Capitol Hill.
Seniors Coalition Mourns Loss of Former Executive Director Phil Theodosiou

Former Seniors Coalition Executive Director Phil Theodosiou passed away recently after a long and hard-fought battle against cancer. Phil was an incredibly hard working individual who dove head first into any issue that was put before him, and he will be missed.

“I remember Phil’s ardor and passion with every encounter I had with him,” stated CEO and President Joseph Bridges. “His zeal for life was something I always admired about him, and it really rubbed off on everyone that worked with him,” concluded Bridges. “I have very fond memories of my work with Phil,” says Chairman of the Board, Joanne Leon. “My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.”

The Seniors Coalition would like to offer our prayers and condolences to Phil’s family and friends, and thank him for all the work he did as Executive Director of The Seniors Coalition. Rest in Peace, Phil.

For more information, visit our website at: www.senior.org

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