The Seniors Coalition’s legislative team recently met with the staff of Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) to discuss the reintroduction of the “Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act” in the 114th Congress. Congressman Engel has sought the help of The Seniors Coalition and our members and supporters to gain cosponsors for this critical piece of legislation affecting senior citizens all across America.

“We sat down with Congressman Engel’s Legislative Director, Brian Skretny, to strategize on the reintroduction of the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act and maximize exposure for the bill,” states Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “Congressman Engel is a veteran Member of Congress; he’s been on Capitol Hill for over twenty years and knows exactly how to get the most out of reintroducing legislation.”

At the request of Congressman Engel, the Seniors Coalition will be sending a “Dear Colleague” letter to every member of the House of Representatives urging members to cosponsor Congressman Engel’s bill.

“Thanks to your signed petitions, Senator David Vitter reintroduces Lock Box Legislation

With encouragement from The Seniors Coalition’s legislative staff, backed up by your thousands and thousands of signed petitions, Senator David Vitter has once again reintroduced his Social Security Lock Box bill in the Senate.

“This is maybe the biggest no-brainer of Capitol Hill,” states President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “Everyone knows that without some real legislation protecting the Social Security Trust Fund from Congress, it continued page 2

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Seniors Coalition Executive Director Sean Ferritor (right) and Senator David Vitter discuss the importance of a Lock Box to save the Social Security Trust Fund.
Dear Friend,

The 114th Congress has officially begun, and with it comes a flurry of new and reintroduced bills for the 114th Congress. I want to alert all Seniors Coalition members to the issues that you have told me are important in the 114th Congress. Your Cost-of-Living Adjustment (CoLA) still seems to be the most important issue to seniors, and we will continue to back Congressman Engel’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA bill until it becomes law. Senator Vitter has reintroduced his “Lock Box” bill in the Senate, and Congressman Tim Murphy is introducing similar legislation in the House of Representatives. Congressman Kevin Brady will once again be the lead sponsor of the Death Tax Repeal Act, to be reintroduced later in the 114th Congress. We will also be working with Senator Barrasso and Congressman Rohrabacher’s offices on the reintroduction of anti-totalization bills that forbid any Social Security agreement with Mexico.

We have a lot of work to do over the course of the next two years, and I will be leaning on your help to achieve these critical goals. I am urging all Seniors Coalition members to stay diligent and continue to participate in our national survey and petition drives. It is also imperative that you continue to call your elected officials and let them know how important these issues are to you.

Thank you for your continued support of The Seniors Coalition, and I look forward to working on your behalf during the 114th Congress.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition

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Many members of The Seniors Coalition have been with us for years. We’d like to hear your stories about why you joined TSC and what TSC means to you. Please send your comments, and a picture of yourself if you have one to spare, to:

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**Seniors’ Sense**

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Seniors Coalition legislative staff sorts through your signed Lock Box petitions for delivery to Capitol Hill.
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We will also be counting on our loyal members and supporters to do their part by calling their elected officials and advocating for Congressman Engel’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA bill. “I have all the confidence in the world in our members,” states Ferritor. “I can promise you they will have the Capitol switchboard lit up for days on end on this issue. It’s clearly become the most important issue to our members, and senior citizens all across America.”

Executive Director Sean Ferritor (right) stops briefly outside of Congressman Eliot Engel’s office to commemorate a meeting with Congressman Engel’s Legislative Director to discuss how your signed petitions are going to help gain cosponsors for the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act.

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

The 114th Congress has officially convened, and it’s time to get to work on Capitol Hill. I want to use this month’s message to briefly highlight some of the activities we will be pursuing over the next several months on Capitol Hill.

First and foremost, your survey results and letters to Seniors Coalition headquarters have proven in a clear manner that your Cost-of-Living Adjustment (CoLA) is the most important issue to Seniors Coalition members. We will continue to work with Congressman Engel and his staff to ensure that we get the 218 cosponsors needed to pass the House of Representatives.

Over the course of the next month The Seniors Coalition will also be working with several congressional offices in order to reintroduce and maximize cosponsors for legislation that is important to you. We will continue to work closely with Senator Vitter to gain cosponsors for the Social Security Lock Box Act. Congressman Rohrabacher has asked The Seniors Coalition to write a letter of support to all House members urging support for his anti-totalization bill that will be reintroduced in February. And finally, we will continue to support Congressman Kevin Brady and his staff later in the year when Chairman Brady reintroduces his Death Tax Repeal Act.

So to all Seniors Coalition members I say, stand with me during the 114th Congress. Together we can make a difference.

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

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Seniors Coalition Launches 2015 National CoLA Petition Drive

Your 2015 Seniors Coalition national CoLA petition drive is under way and should be arriving in your mailbox shortly. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the 114th Congress. 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 CoLA petition as soon as possible, so we can use your voice to gain as many cosponsors as possible. Your participation in our petition drives and surveys is imperative to our success on Capitol Hill. Now is not the time to stand back and watch.

As I visit Congressional offices with stacks and stacks of your signed petitions, I become more than just a lobbyist for senior citizens. I 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. We look forward to working on your behalf over the course of the 114th Congress.

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

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