Congressman Reintroduces Guaranteed 3% CoLA Bill, Accepts Senior Guardian Medal of Honor

Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) has heard your voice! H.R. 3588, The Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act of 2015, was officially reintroduced into the 114th Congress on September 22, 2015. Thanks to your constant participation in our program, The Seniors Coalition was invited to take part in the reintroduction process.

“I was honored to walk down to the Capitol with Congressman Engel’s Legislative Assistant to officially reintroduce a bill that our members and supporters have deemed critical to their daily lives,” stated Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “Our members, they are very dedicated and passionate Americans. They have continued on page 3

Congressman Wins Senior Guardian Medal of Honor for Effort to Save Social Security from Illegal Aliens

The Seniors Coalition, on behalf of its 2,840,635 members and supporters, presented Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) with the coveted “Senior Guardian Medal of Honor” award for his introduction of H.R. 1716, the No Social Security for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2015.

“It was truly a pleasure to sit down with Congressman Rohrabacher and discuss his legislation aimed at saving Social Security for more than 38 million senior citizens in America,” said The Seniors Coalition’s Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “The Social Security Trust Fund has already been raided by the very people who were elected to protect it. Granting law-breaking illegal immigrants Social continued page 2

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Dear Friend,

The last several weeks have been a whirlwind on Capitol Hill, thanks to you!

Our legislative team has been busy meeting with key Members of Congress. Members that have taken the initiative to act, rather than speak, by introducing legislation to help protect Social Security for senior citizens while fulfilling a promise the Federal Government has made to all who pay into the Social Security Trust Fund. Congressman Rohrabacher has reintroduced his No Social Security for Illegal Aliens Act, an issue that has generated nearly one million signed petitions from loyal Senior Coalition members like you. Additionally, Congressman Engel has reintroduced his Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act of 2015 to ensure that the bean counters on Capitol Hill don’t use creative math to once again stiff senior citizens on a raise in their Social Security benefits.

Both issues, while critical to you and me, could have been easily shelved and forgotten if it weren’t for your constant support and participation, and I thank you for that! I look forward to working on your behalf as the 114th Congress continues.

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

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Security benefits would be the last nail in the coffin.” The Senior Coalition has collected 954,782 signed petitions from all fifty states against any form of Social Security benefits to illegal aliens.

“Congressman Rohrabacher should be applauded mightily for his efforts to protect Social Security for all American citizens that have paid into the Trust Fund with a lifetime of hard work,” continued Ferritor. “The Senior Coalition will continue to work with Congressman Rohrabacher and his staff to gain cosponsors for this critical piece of legislation, and commend the Congressman and his staff for the hard work they have put in on an issue that is so vital to senior citizens.”

Tell Us Why TSC Is Important to You

Many members of The Senior 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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Executive Director Sean Ferritor (left) presents your signed petitions to Congressman Dana Rohrabacher in his office on Capitol Hill.
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paid into the Social Security Trust Fund for the entirety of their working lives, and now is their time of need,” continued Ferritor. “That’s exactly why we won’t stop fighting for this critical piece of legislation until it’s signed by the President of the United States and becomes the law of the land.”

Congressman Engel accepted The Seniors Coalition’s “Senior Guardian Medal of Honor” award during a meeting on Capitol Hill just days before the Department of Labor’s 2016 CoLA announcement. “Congressman Engel was very concerned that seniors will not be getting a raise at all this year on the benefits they’ve worked a lifetime for and were promised,” continued Ferritor. “I made a personal promise to Congressman Engel that our members and supporters will continue to bombard their Congressional offices on both sides of the aisle to ensure enough cosponsors for a formal vote on the House floor.”

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

It has been very busy on Capitol Hill since members returned to Washington following the August recess. Thanks to your participation, we’ve had the opportunity to meet with key Members of Congress on issues that you have deemed important.

Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) has reintroduced the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act of 2015. I have to say, without your participation in our grassroots petition drive urging Congressman Engel to reintroduce this important bill, I’m not certain that we could have succeeded. The importance of your participation can not be over-stated. Your voices were truly heard, and I thank you for your efforts.

And then there’s Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) and his effort to eliminate any and all Social Security benefits to illegal aliens by reintroducing H.R. 1716, the No Social Security for Illegal Aliens Act. To date, the Seniors Coalition has collected nearly one million signed petitions against any form of Social Security benefits to illegal aliens, and once again, we have you to thank.

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.
Congressman Elliot Engel (D-NY) has reintroduced the Guaranteed 3% CoLA bill, and just in time. The Department of Labor recently announced that for only the third time in 40 years, seniors will be receiving no increase in your Social Security Benefits. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the 114th Congress. Together, you and I can make sure seniors will never be shortchanged again by the bean counters on Capitol Hill.

It’s critical that you sign and return your Senior Coalition Guaranteed 3% CoLA petition 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 the time to do your part to protect Social Security for all senior citizens in America.

As I walk the Halls of Congress with stacks and stacks of your signed petitions, I become a messenger for the voices of hundreds of thousands of Senior Coalition members who are tired of being shortchanged on their annual CoLAs as the prices of goods and services critical to seniors keep rising.

Thank you for your continued support of The Senior Coalition.

Without your constant participation, our mission of fighting for the rights of senior citizens simply wouldn’t be possible. Thank you.

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Congressman Elliot Engel has called upon the Senior Coalition and our members to support H.R. 3588, the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act of 2015.

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