Seniors Coalition Members Protest Skyrocketing Prices of Generic Drugs

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, recently held a hearing on the disproportionately skyrocketing prices of generic drugs. Senator Bernie Sanders chaired this hearing that has garnered a lot of attention in America, particularly among senior citizens.

“I have to admit, I was shocked by some of the testimony at today’s hearing,” states Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “Something has to be done to rein in this sudden surge in prices. These are generic drugs that

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With the New Year comes the new Congress, and the 114th Congress has now convened. That means it’s time for you to join The Seniors Coalition in the battle to guarantee you, at a bare minimum, a 3% annual Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

“There is no question that over the course of the last two years, our members and supporters have clearly shown that their annual CoLA is the most important issue right now,” states President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “After

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yet another measly 1.7% increase in their Social Security benefits for 2015, our members have said enough is enough. They are feeling the pinch in their budgets at home, from the rising prices of groceries and electricity, to the skyrocketing prices of generic drugs that are vital to survival for millions of senior citizens.”

That’s why once again The Seniors Coalition is calling on you to do your part over the course of the 114th Congress. The Seniors Coalition will be working side by side with Congressman Engel’s office to recruit cosponsors for his Guaranteed 3% CoLA Bill, but we need your signed petitions to show the rest of Congress just how important this legislation is to America’s senior citizens.

Tell Us Why TSC Is Important to You

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:

Sean Ferritor
The Seniors Coalition
1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036
Or by email to: tsc@senior.org
Or call Sean at: 202-261-3594

Your Seniors Coalition legislative team prepares your incoming Guaranteed 3% CoLA petitions to be delivered to Capitol Hill.

If you have not received a copy of your Seniors Coalition’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA petition, please visit our website at www.senior.org, or contact The Seniors Coalition directly at 202-261-3594. ▲

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Dear Friend,

Before I look ahead to the 114th Congress, and all the possibilities that it holds, I would like to thank all Seniors Coalition members for their years of support. You see, without your signed petitions and letters to Congress, we simply couldn’t have been as effective as we have been over the last 25 years.

You drive our mission. From filling out our legislative survey to ensure that we work on the issues that are important to you, to signing our national petition drives, you drive what we do. And again, I thank you for that.

So on we go to the 114th Congress with a Republican-controlled House and Senate. Together, we have the opportunity of a lifetime, but it won’t be easy. We aren’t out of the woods yet. Remember, President Obama has a long track record of straying from the letter of the law, and will almost certainly repeatedly veto critical legislation passed by both chambers of Congress. So it is critical that you and I work together over the next two years to ensure that seniors are protected. I am counting on your support more than ever.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
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are vital for survival for millions of seniors and have risen, in many cases, five hundred percent in cost over a small amount of time.”

The Seniors Coalition is once again calling on our loyal members for your stories on how the rising prices of generic drugs have affected your everyday lives. There will be more hearings on this issue over the course of the 114th Congress, and your stories could very well help shape legislation aimed at curbing this alarming epidemic. Send your stories to The Seniors Coalition, 1250 Connecticut Ave, N.W., Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036, or email them to tsc@senior.org. Make sure to write “testimonial” as the subject or on the outside of your envelope to ensure that it is handled properly.

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

The lame-duck Congress has officially ended and it’s time to look forward to the 114th Congress. On November 4, 2014, Americans spoke loud and clear. Republicans strengthened their hold on the House of Representatives, and overtook the Senate to have control of both chambers of Congress.

What Americans did on November 4th creates an incredible opportunity for change in Washington, D.C. Over the course of the 113th Congress, the Senate constantly shelved good bills passed by the House of Representatives, and consistently blocked all but a handful of Republican amendments to legislation in the Senate. Senator Reid even changed the rules of the Senate, enacting what is now known as the “nuclear option,” in order to fast track Presidential nominees through the Senate with minimal debate.

So I am calling on all Seniors Coalition members to realize what we have at stake during the 114th Congress. Together, we have a chance to make a tremendous difference in many aspects of senior citizens’ lives. I need you to continue to participate in our national petition drives and surveys. Remember, when I walk into a Congressional office with stacks of your signed petitions, it’s like you’re standing right beside me.

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 or grassroots lobbying efforts, please contact me directly at 202-261-3594.
Your 2015 Seniors Coalition
Membership Cards Have Been Mailed

Your 2015 Seniors Coalition membership card is in the mail and should be arriving in your mailbox shortly. We have a lot to be thankful for as we head into the 114th Congress. With a majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives, Republicans can effectively stand up to and block the worst excesses of the Obama administration.

It’s critical that you use your membership in The Seniors Coalition and all its privileges to your advantage during the 114th Congress. Your participation in our petition drives and surveys will help our legislative team open doors that were simply not available during the 113th Congress.

Armed with stacks and stacks of your petitions, the Seniors Coalition will continue our work to fix the broken Cost-of-Living Adjustment (CoLA) formula to ensure that seniors are given a fair and equitable CoLA. With your support we will continue to defend Social Security and Medicare, and with your help we will continue to push back against any Social Security Totalization Agreement with Mexico.

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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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, then please clip and return this coupon with any contribution you can afford.

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