Senator David Vitter Accepts Seniors Coalition’s Lifetime Achievement Award

The Seniors Coalition recently honored Senator David Vitter (R-LA) with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in the House of Representatives (1999-2005) and Senate (2005-Present). Senator Vitter will be retiring at the end of the 114th Congress and has worked tirelessly fighting for senior citizens.

“Senator Vitter has been a champion of seniors’ rights throughout his distinguished career on Capitol Hill,” states Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “It was an honor to present Senator Vitter with our most prestigious award,” continued Ferritor. “We have been working with Senator

Seniors Coalition Legislative Team Working on Reintroduction of Key Legislation in 115th Congress

The Seniors Coalition is preparing for the dog days of summer by categorizing the issues and legislation that you have deemed most important to ensure that each issue will be reintroduced into the 115th Congress, which will begin shortly after the November national elections.

“We will be using all of our resources on Capitol Hill to make sure that the bills that our members and supporters have told us are important to them are reintroduced,” stated Seniors Coalition President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “We will also continue to fight for the introduction of several issues that weren’t touched upon in the 114th Congress, like an anti-totalization

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Members of the Seniors Coalition Legislative team are hard at work preparing your signed petitions for use on Capitol Hill as the push for reintroduction begins.

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Dear Friend,

As always, thank you for all of your support of the Seniors Coalition. It truly means the world to me.

Your participation in our national surveys and petition drives gives our legislative team the ammunition needed to get meetings with key lawmakers on Capitol Hill on issues that you have identified as important to you. That is why I am calling on all members and supporters to stay especially diligent during the long summer recess. Remember, this is an election year, and a national election at that. There will be a long summer recess followed up by a lame-duck session of Congress.

That’s why your continued participation in our program and mission is essential to making sure our legislative team has the backing when we begin the process of lobbying Congress to ensure that the bills you have deemed critical to your daily lives are reintroduced in the 115th Congress. Again, thank you for your care and attention to issues that affect millions of senior citizens on a daily basis.

Thank you for being good to The Seniors Coalition!

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How to Contact Your Elected Officials

The Senators Coalition legislative team sends your signed petitions to Capitol Hill to continue to build momentum for the bills you have deemed critical, like the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act of 2015."

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:

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The Senators Coalition is calling on all members and supporters to contact our offices over the next three months to have your voice heard by letting us know what issues are most important to you. Send your thoughts to TSC@SENIOR.ORG. ▲
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Vitter to enact a lock-box on the Social Security Trust Fund to protect it from Congressional raids for the last three sessions of Congress. His steadfast voice on this issue will surely be missed in the 115th Congress,” concluded Ferritor.

Thank you for all that you have done to protect the rights of senior citizens, Senator Vitter. Our members and supporters can’t thank you enough for your diligent efforts to safeguard Social Security from the very people that were elected to protect it. You will be missed.

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

As the 114th Congress begins to wind down, it’s time to start preparing for the 115th Congress which will begin in just a few short months. Our legislative team will start working immediately on getting both verbal and written confirmations that the bills that are most important to you will be reintroduced in the 115th Congress.

We will continue to work closely with Congressman Engel to ensure that the Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act will be reintroduced in the 115th Congress. Seniors have been denied a cost-of-living adjustment in their Social Security benefits for an unprecedented 3 times under the Obama administration. It’s time to make sure Congress knows enough is enough and that seniors deserve a fair and equitable raise.

We will also be working closely to find a new lead sponsor in the Senate to introduce Lock-Box legislation, due to the retirement of Senator David Vitter. And lastly, we will continue to push for legislation that would ban any Social Security totalization agreement with Mexico.

That’s all for this month. If you have any questions or comments about our legislative or grassroots lobbying program, please feel free to give me a call at 202-261-3594.
The Seniors Coalition’s 2016 National Legislative Survey Will Hit Your Mailbox Soon

The Seniors Coalition recently announced the start of its 2016 National Legislative Survey campaign. This is the most important survey of the year because it asks seniors in all 50 states to tell The Seniors Coalition what issues are most important to them, to more accurately formulate our legislative agenda for the upcoming 115th Congress.

“We use this survey every year to gauge the temperature of our members and supporters on what issues are the most important to them,” explains President and CEO Dr. Joseph Bridges. “This is a critical time in Washington. There will be a national election in November and we want to hear from our members and supporters so that we can be fully prepared for any outcome.”

The results of this national survey will be sent with a press release to Congress, The White House, and top national news outlets. “The most important thing 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 The Seniors Coalition represents the best interests of its 2,848,482 members and supporters nationwide.”

**SECTION I: **Social Security

1. ____________ currents year

2. ____________biennial

3. ____________school

4. ____________state

5. ____________federal

**SECTION II: **Seniors Only

6. ____________Adjustment (CoLA) is added to your Social Security benefits, which helps maintain your purchasing power, as the cost of living increases. CoLAs are based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as it compares with the year before. The Social Security Administration is responsible for making sure that this occurs. What was your CoLA for 2015?

7. ____________In 1993, President Clinton signed into law a bill that raised Social Security taxes and created a new tax on Social Security benefits. The President said the law was needed to help pay for the Clinton health care plan and increase the trust fund for future Social Security benefits. Congress voted to raise Social Security taxes by 2 percent and created a new 15 percent tax on Social Security benefits. Social Security beneficiaries were also required to pay a new tax of 4 percent on Medicare Part B premiums. The tax came back at 40% in 2013. What tax do you oppose the most?

8. ____________Should the Senate Coalition continue to build on its hard-earned reputation as an alternative to AARP? In 2013, President Obama signed into law a bill that allowed states to offer alternative prescription drug plans to Medicare beneficiaries. The law also created a new prescription drug plan that is available to Medicare beneficiaries in all states. This plan, called the “Medicare Exchange,” offers a choice of prescription drug plans for Medicare beneficiaries. The plan is funded by a combination of federal and state dollars and is managed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). What do you think of this plan?

9. ____________Should The Seniors Coalition continue to promote our advocacy program on behalf of senior citizens? The advocates have helped to educate Congress about issues that affect senior citizens. The advocates have worked to ensure that senior citizens have access to affordable health care, retirement savings, and other benefits. This can be a difficult and challenging job, but it is also rewarding. The advocates are often asked to testify before Congress and to speak at events. The advocates have also supported the Medicare “Part D” prescription-drug benefit. What do you think of this program?

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**SECTION III: **Medicare

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**SECTION IV: **Medicaid

15. ____________Should The Seniors Coalition keep fighting to eliminate the “Death Tax,” allows the IRS to take up to 40% of your property after you die. This targets senior citizens by taking retirement savings, businesses away from heirs and giving them to the IRS to be tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Because we lobby Congress on your behalf, contributions are not tax-deductible. The Seniors Coalition has been determined by the IRS to be tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Because we lobby Congress on your behalf, contributions are not tax-deductible. 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.

16. ____________I would like to help The Seniors Coalition keep fighting to protect senior citizens. Enclosed is my contribution of:

- $10
- $100
- $15
- $250
- $25
- $50
- Other $_____

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________

Please make your check payable to “TSC.”

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