Capital Area Seniors Gather to Have Their Voices Heard

Seniors Coalition Executive Director Sean Ferritor recently sat down with Capital Area Seniors Coalition members and supporters to hear firsthand the issues and concerns that are most important moving ahead into the 115th Session of Congress.

“What a pleasure it was to sit down with our members and supporters and discuss the biggest issues facing seniors today,” states Ferritor. “Social Security was surely at the top of the agenda, and for many seniors the key to survival,” continued Ferritor. “That’s why the Seniors Coalition is fighting so hard for the enactment of a Lock-Box on the Social Security Trust Fund.”

Seniors Coalition Legislative Team Attends Congressional Hearing on Future of Social Security

The Senate Committee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy recently held a hearing in the Dirksen Senate Office Building to examine the future of Social Security and Medicare. The Seniors Coalition legislative team attended this important hearing to ensure that our members and supporters are kept up to date on the latest information regarding Social Security.

“Everyone knows that the Social Security Trust Fund is on shaky ground,” stated Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “What seems the most baffling to me is that Members on both sides of the aisle agree that Social Security needs to be strengthened, yet little is being done to address the problem.”

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aisle, as well as in both Chambers of Congress, have few concrete ideas on how to fix a broken system,” continued Ferritor. “Seniors have put their trust in the Federal Government due to a promise they were made more than 80 years ago, and we intend to make sure that promise is kept.”

The Seniors Coalition continues to push ideas that Congress is afraid to, or unwilling to take up on both the House and Senate floor, like a Lock-Box for the Social Security Trust Fund. Seniors are sick and tired of being treated like second class citizens, and that’s why we will never stop the fight to save Social Security.

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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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Dear Friend,

Thank you, loyal members and supporters, for your continued support of our mission and program.

I want to remind all Seniors Coalition members that the 114th Congress is quickly coming to an end. The political landscape in Washington will be up in the air until the conclusion of the upcoming November elections. That’s why it’s imperative that we stay especially diligent in the coming months to ensure that we are prepared for any outcome.

I am calling on all Seniors Coalition members and supporters to continue to participate in our national surveys and petition drives. Our legislative staff needs all the support we can get to continue to open doors on Capitol Hill. When we meet with influential Congressmen and Senators and have stacks and stacks of your signed petitions, they know the Seniors Coalition and our members and supporters mean business.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
The August recess has ended, and it’s time for the House and Senate to get back to work on Capitol Hill. Remember that this is a national election year, so the few remaining weeks Congress spends in town will be conducted at a break-neck pace. We must continue to make sure that Congress understands that seniors deserve a fair Cost-of-Living Adjustment, which will be announced right before the November elections.

You see as the current administration’s tenure slowly winds to a close, it’s painfully obvious that the rights of seniors are not a priority. In fact, seniors have been denied a CoLA three times in the last seven years, all under the Obama Administration. That’s why this month is critical to both you and me. We must band together once again and mobilize our membership to make sure Congress hears the message that seniors deserve a FAIR CoLA.

Congressman Eliot Engel’s Guaranteed 3% CoLA Act continues to sit in the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions awaiting Congressional action. I’ve heard day in and day out that this is the most critical issue to you. That’s why we will be working around the clock to ensure its passage. Your continued participation in our national surveys and petition drives will be critical to our success.

That’s all for this month. If you have any questions or comments about our legislative or grassroots lobbying efforts, please contact me at 202-261-3594.
Your 2016 Guaranteed 3% CoLA Petition Will Arrive Soon!

Your 2016 Seniors Coalition National CoLA Petition Drive should be arriving in your mailbox shortly. Seniors have once again been denied a fair raise in their Social Security benefits, but 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 Guaranteed 3% CoLA petition as soon as possible, so we can use your voice to gain as many cosponsors as possible. There’s still time left in the 114th Congress! Your participation in our national survey and petition drives is imperative to our success on Capitol Hill. Now is not the time to stand back and watch — now is the time to act!

As we visit Congressional offices with stacks and stacks of your signed petitions, we become more than just a grassroots lobbying group for senior citizens. We 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. 

Make sure and have your voice heard on Capitol Hill. Seniors deserve a fair Cost-of-Living Adjustment. Rush your signed petition back to the Seniors Coalition today!

For more information: 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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