Coalition Looks Ahead to Monumental Opportunities for Seniors in 115th Congress

The 115th Congress has convened and with that comes great hope among senior citizens. President Trump has already signaled the intention to “leave Social Security alone” while at the same time easing taxation on Social Security benefits with his proposed tax-code.

“I think with the way seniors have been treated over the last 8 years by the former administration, not getting a 3% annual Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA) is undeniable,” states President and CEO Joseph Bridges. “After yet another measly 0.3% increase in their Social Security benefits for 2017, 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.”

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It’s time for you to join The Seniors Coalition in the battle to guarantee you a 3% annual Cost of Living Adjustment (CoLA).

“There is no question that over the course of the last five 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 yet another measly 0.3% increase in their Social Security benefits for 2017, 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.”

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of senior citizens.”

That’s why once again The Seniors Coalition is calling on you to do your part over the course of the 115th Congress. The Seniors Coalition will be working side by side with Congressman Engel’s staff 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.

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.

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

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,

Before I look ahead to the 115th 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 28 years.

You drive our mission. From filling out our legislative surveys 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.

Together, we have an opportunity to use our strength in numbers to make a real change in how seniors are treated by the politicians on Capitol Hill, but it won’t be easy. There is still a lot of work to be done, and I’m counting on your continued support more than ever. So it is critical that you and I work together over the next two years to ensure that seniors are protected. Thank you!

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
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...ting a raise in their benefits for three of the last 8 years, this is a great first step,” states President and CEO Dr. Joe Bridges. “A large portion of seniors rely solely on Social Security for their survival. I applaud President Trump’s intentions and will work hard to help his administration end the financial squeeze seniors have been facing.”

Your constant participation in our national surveys and petition drives will continue to be the catalyst for our success on Capitol Hill. Your continued participation throughout the entirety of the 115th Congress is critical. Together, we can make a big difference in the lives of all senior citizens. Thank you for all that you do to help advance our program and mission.

Legislative Report from Executive Director Sean Ferritor

I want to thank all Seniors Coalition members and supporters for continuing to participate in our national surveys and petition drives. Your opinions matter on Capitol Hill, and our success in protecting the rights of seniors all across America are strengthened by your support.

What Americans did on Election Day 2016 creates an incredible opportunity for change in Washington, DC. Over the course of the 114th Congress, both the House and Senate passed sensible legislation to cut the swelling deficit and help senior citizens, only to have those pieces of legislation vetoed by President Obama. With the win in November by President Donald Trump, there is no reason why sensible legislation can’t flow through both Chambers of Congress and on to the President’s desk for his signature.

So I am calling on all Seniors Coalition members to realize what we have at stake during the 115th Congress. Together, we have a chance to make a tremendous difference in many aspects of senior citizens’ lives.

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 2017 Seniors Coalition Membership Cards Have Been Mailed

Your seat at the table for the 115th Congress is safe by renewing your Seniors Coalition membership for 2017.

Your 2017 Seniors Coalition membership card is in the mail and should be arriving in your mailbox shortly.

It’s critical that you use your membership in The Seniors Coalition and all its privileges to your advantage during the 115th Congress. Your participation in our petition drives and surveys will help our legislative team open doors that are critical to the well-being of senior citizens.

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 protect 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 115th Congress.

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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