TSC Fights Scheme to Cut CoLAs

The Seniors Coalition will fight any proposal to use the “Chained Consumer Price Index” to compute Social Security CoLAs, the group announced in response to the unveiling of President Barack Obama’s annual budget.

“The Chained CPI is just another government gimmick designed to allow politicians to get around actually fixing Social Security,” warns Executive Director Sean Ferritor. “The Administration and some members of Congress want to simply change how the government computes inflation in order to cut back on future Cost-of-Living-Adjustments. CoLAs are already unfair and using the Chained CPI figure will make things even worse for America’s seniors.

The Obama Administration included using Chained CPI in its budget proposal as a way to appease budget conscious Republicans, the White House claimed. However, Ferritor isn’t buying it. “This Administration cancelled CoLAs twice and has been moving heaven and earth to cover up the true rate of inflation. Senior Citizens are being financially devastated and the Obama Administration doesn’t care. Here at TSC we are not in the least bit surprised that Obama wants to slash CoLAs. This proposal isn’t a compromise. It is yet another all-out assault on America’s seniors.”

“We understand that Social Security needs to be reformed,” continued on page 3
Dear Friend,

We have to keep fighting to actually fix Social Security and protect everything you have earned. Because the politicians are coming after seniors. They are coming after us!

President Obama’s recent announcement that he will support changing the way inflation is computed is a veritable declaration of war against Social Security CoLAs. This man has never liked senior citizens very much. After all, he slashed Medicare and rammed ObamaCare down our throats. And he did cancel Social Security CoLAs twice during his first term in office.

This Chained CPI business, however, is really, really bad. Quite simply it is an accounting gimmick designed to rob you of money promised to you.

That’s why we have to fight back and fight back hard. And we have to do it now.

TSC Executive Director Sean Ferritor says that a budget with this Chained CPI nonsense could actually pass this year unless every senior citizen in the country rises up against it.

So, as usual, The Seniors Coalition will lead the charge.

Please be sure to sign our fair COLA petition at www.senior.org. And please have everyone else you know do the same.

Dr. Joseph L. Bridges
President & CEO
The Seniors Coalition
How Should TSC Participate in Next Year’s CPAC?

TSC’s representatives met up with a lot of allies and learned a great deal from the various speakers and issues sessions at this year’s Conservative Political Action Conference. However, we want to use this annual gathering to increase TSC’s visibility and promote our issues even more at next year’s event.

So, we’d like your feedback. Next year should The Seniors Coalition sponsor CPAC? Should we host a panel discussion on seniors issues? Should we team up with other conservative organizations to promote a single issue like Death Tax repeal? We really would like your ideas and your feedback.

Please feel free to email or call Executive Director Sean Ferritor at tsc@senior.org, or 202-261-3594.

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Ferritor says. “The program is in serious trouble. It has been looted, mismanaged, and the American people have been lied to about the future of Social Security. However, monkeying with the way inflation is figured is not going to save Social Security. Any Democrat or Republican who goes along with Obama on this is making a profound mistake.”

TSC will oppose the Chained CPI proposal as it continues its lobbying campaign for fair CoLA legislation. So far over 176,000 voters have signed The Seniors Coalition’s petition on the subject. To sign your petition, simply go to www.senior.org.

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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TSC Executive Director Sean Ferritor at CPAC 2013

TSC To Release 2013 Legislative Survey Results

Next month The Seniors Coalition will release the results of its 2013 national Legislative Survey. The annual survey is designed to allow TSC members a chance to voice their opinion on a whole host of issues, and it serves as an important guide for the Board of Directors and the Executive Director in setting legislative priorities.

The results of the survey will be posted on www.Senior.org and will be sent to Congressional offices and the national media. “I’m looking forward to getting the results of this year’s survey,” Executive Director Sean Ferritor says. “We need to know if our members agree with the path we are on or if we need to change our focus. Additionally, it’s useful to be able to show politicians that our members support what we are doing. This survey is extremely important.”
Legislative Report from Sean Ferritor

Congress has been in and out of session this spring so I don’t have a huge amount to report that isn’t already covered in this month’s edition of The Senior Class.

I am continuing to work with Senator David Vitter and his very capable staff. The Senator is fighting hard to protect Social Security and we wholeheartedly support his lockbox bill.

I have also been in talks with U.S. Representative Elliot Engel. We would very much like him to reintroduce his guaranteed 3% CoLA bill this year. While not a perfect piece of legislation, it is an excellent vehicle for seniors to support and show their complete disgust for how CoLAs are computed.

On the issue of Social Security for illegal aliens, the U.S.-Mexican Totalization Agreement could come up at any time. We are always on alert to fight that treaty. We are also reviewing the just proposed comprehensive immigration bill to evaluate its effect on Social Security and Medicare. I’ll be sure to report on what we find.

That’s about all for this month’s report. As I mentioned, Congress has been out of session a good bit. In the next newsletter I should have much more news.

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. ▲