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New Report Shows Key Congressional Votes on Retiree Issues

Tracks Roll Call Votes on Medicare, Social Security, Consumer Protection for Seniors

Washington DC – The Alliance for Retired Americans, a grassroots advocacy organization, today released its 2010 Congressional Voting Record, detailing the votes of every U.S. Senator and Representative on key issues affecting current and future retirees. The document is available at http://www.retiredamericans.org/issues/congressional-voting-record.

"At a time when Congress has been debating the future of Social Security and Medicare, it is more important than ever that people of all ages know the issues and how their elected officials voted," said Alliance President Barbara J. Easterling, adding, "the 2010 Voting Record measures how committed our elected officials are to retirees and seniors."

"The votes in this new report show how elected officials responded when presented with clear choices: stand up for seniors in their state who are struggling to get by, or further pad the profits of the drug and insurance companies and big Wall Street firms," Easterling said.

The Alliance voting record examines ten key Senate votes and ten key House votes from 2010, giving the roll calls on issues such as strengthening Medicare, help for Social Security recipients, and protecting older Americans from consumer and lending fraud.

According the Alliance, 183 U.S. House Members achieved perfect scores of 100 percent in 2010, while 83 members of the House received scores of zero. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), the architect of the GOP's plan to privatize Medicare and cut Social Security, was one of the House members receiving a grade of zero percent. Connecticut and Rhode Island were the only states to have all of their Representatives receive perfect scores.

22 members of the U.S. Senate received perfect scores of 100 percent, while 16 Senators received scores of zero. In six states, Hawaii, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Washington, and West Virginia, both Senators received perfect scores.