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Seniors for Biden to Hold Online Grandparents Day Event Sunday



Vice President Joe Biden, Jill Biden and their grandchildren last Christmas

Join fellow Alliance members and other senior activists for a Grandparent's Day virtual event this Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. ET. There will be a panel talking about why it's critical for grandparents to help elect Vice President **Biden**, for themselves and future generations.

All Alliance members are invited to participate -- [click to RSVP here.](#)

Senators Warren, Casey Work to Address Delays in Medicine Deliveries

Patients who rely on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for their prescription drugs are experiencing delays in their deliveries according to a [senate report](#) released earlier this week. Two Senators, **Elizabeth Warren** (MA) and **Bob Casey** (PA), are leading an investigation to figure out what is causing these delays.

Representatives from several large pharmacies told Sens. Warren and Casey that they have been experiencing delays and that delivery times, on average, have increased by a half a day or more. These delays were initially caused by the coronavirus pandemic, which forced patients to shift from in-person pickup to mail delivery. But the two senators believe the changes made by

Postmaster General **Louis DeJoy**, including the removal of sorting machines and the elimination of overtime for many employees, have exacerbated the adverse effects from the pandemic.

“The delays in USPS deliveries of mail-order prescription drugs pose serious health risks to millions of Americans,” said **Joseph Peters, Jr.**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “Especially seniors, who rely on prescription medications even more than others.”

[Tell the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors that they must fire Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and restore services immediately. Click here to sign the petition.](#)

Voting is Underway - Is Your Voting Plan Set?

North Carolina kicked off the early voting process last week, and many other states are set to follow suit throughout this month. Election officials are preparing for the surge of mail-in ballots as they are going to be used more than ever before due to the pandemic.

“I encourage everyone to go to vote.org today to learn the laws in your state,” said Alliance President **Robert Roach, Jr.** “You can enter your address and triple-check your registration at that site to make sure there are no unpleasant surprises at the last minute.”

Seniors have a lot at stake in the fall elections, including the need to preserve and expand Social Security, and voting early by mail is an excellent way to lock in your vote and avoid long lines. The Alliance advises its members to make a plan in advance for how they will vote and to contact the election office in their county as soon as possible if there are any questions.

The USPS has warned that voters who wish to vote by mail should request their ballots AT LEAST TWO WEEKS before the deadline to ensure their ballot is counted.

Alliance Marks “Request Your Ballot” Day with Release of Film Featuring Florida Alliance Members



“Safe and Easy: Vote By Mail in Florida,” a short film produced by Brave New Films, was released to the public on Thursday. The film is an outgrowth of the Alliance’s voting rights litigation in Florida and is available to watch for free through November 3.

Safe and Easy can be viewed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). “The film is a great resource for senior voters all across the country, not just in Florida. Voting in a pandemic may be a little different for many of us, and the documentary explains why everyone needs to make a voting plan now,” said **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance.

Florida Alliance Secretary Barbara DeVane outside the Leon County Supervisor of Elections office in Tallahassee Thursday (photo credit: Ryan Dailey, WFSU)

All of the seniors featured in the film are Alliance members -- **Lorenzo Canizares**, Communications Workers of America (CWA); **Stewart Cohen**, American Federation of Teachers (AFT); Florida Alliance Recording Secretary **Barbara DeVane**, AFT; **Yolanda Russell**, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); and **Lorraine Tuliano**, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).

The film was launched with a virtual premiere that included messages from actor and director **Rob Reiner**; leading Democratic election lawyer **Marc Elias**; Executive Director **Fiesta**; Florida Alliance President **Bill Sauers**; Secretary **DeVane**; President of the Tallahassee NAACP **Adner Marcelin**; and Executive Director of the Alianza for Progress **Marcos Vilar**.

The Alliance for Retired Americans is a national organization that advocates for the rights and well-being of over 4.4 million retirees and their families.