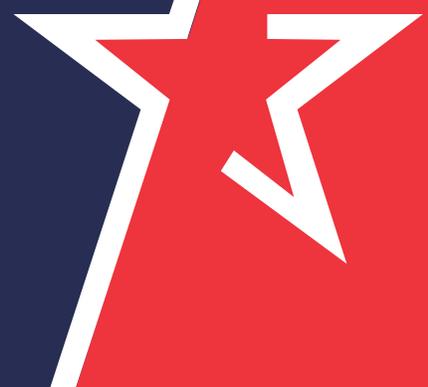




ACTIVITY REPORT

2023



LEADERSHIP LETTER

THE ALLIANCE CELEBRATED HISTORIC achievements in the fight to lower drug prices, mobilized against growing threats to Social Security and Medicare and filed new lawsuits to protect voting rights this year. We also brought together experts and advocates to discuss ways to strengthen retirement security at our annual symposium on the subject.

Our members raised awareness of the important new prescription drug benefits available to people with Medicare Part D in 2023 thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which the Alliance helped get signed into law in 2022. Millions of Medicare beneficiaries have already received free vaccines and are paying less for insulin thanks to co-pays that are capped at \$35 per month.

In addition, we cheered the historic start of negotiations to lower prices for ten of the most expensive drugs, another result of the IRA. As we write, the manufacturers of ten drugs—which cost Medicare beneficiaries \$3.4 billion out of pocket in 2022—are negotiating over the price beneficiaries will pay for these drugs starting in 2026.

Social Security and Medicare threats came from Capitol Hill throughout the year. Despite most members of Congress and Senators standing and applauding when President Biden noted during his February State of the Union address that “we all apparently agree” on saving Social Security and Medicare, there are serious threats to these earned benefit programs.



*House Democratic Leader
Hakeem Jeffries and
President Robert Roach, Jr.*



Florida Alliance member Lorraine Tuliano and friends take a selfie with President Biden

Alliance members are speaking out and mobilizing against these dangers, which include legislation to create a so-called “fiscal commission” that would meet behind closed doors and recommend changes to Social Security and Medicare without public input. We are also concerned about ideas long-promoted by new House Speaker Mike Johnson, including raising the retirement age, privatization of Social Security and Medicare, and benefit cuts.

On a positive note, we worked to ensure that Martin O’Malley was confirmed as Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner. O’Malley is well aware of the challenges facing the SSA workforce due to Congress providing inadequate funding. He has committed to work to increase funding and address long wait times for beneficiaries who need assistance and for people waiting for decisions on applications for disability benefits.

As state legislatures continued to debate ways to make it harder to vote, Alliance members in Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, Ohio, and Wisconsin were active in voting rights lawsuits this year. Kentucky Alliance members worked tirelessly to re-elect Governor Andy Beshear, appearing in campaign ads and mobilizing get out the vote efforts.

Finally, our members across the country took great pride in providing reinforcement for the members of the UAW in their historic stand-up strike against the Big 3 automakers. Alliance retirees in Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin joined UAW members on picket lines or at rallies, and thousands more signed statements of support.

None of these activities would be possible without your backing. We appreciate the opportunity to advocate for older Americans and look forward to continuing that work in the coming years.

In solidarity,


ROBERT ROACH, JR.
President


JOSEPH PETERS, JR.
Secretary-Treasurer


RICHARD FIESTA
Executive Director

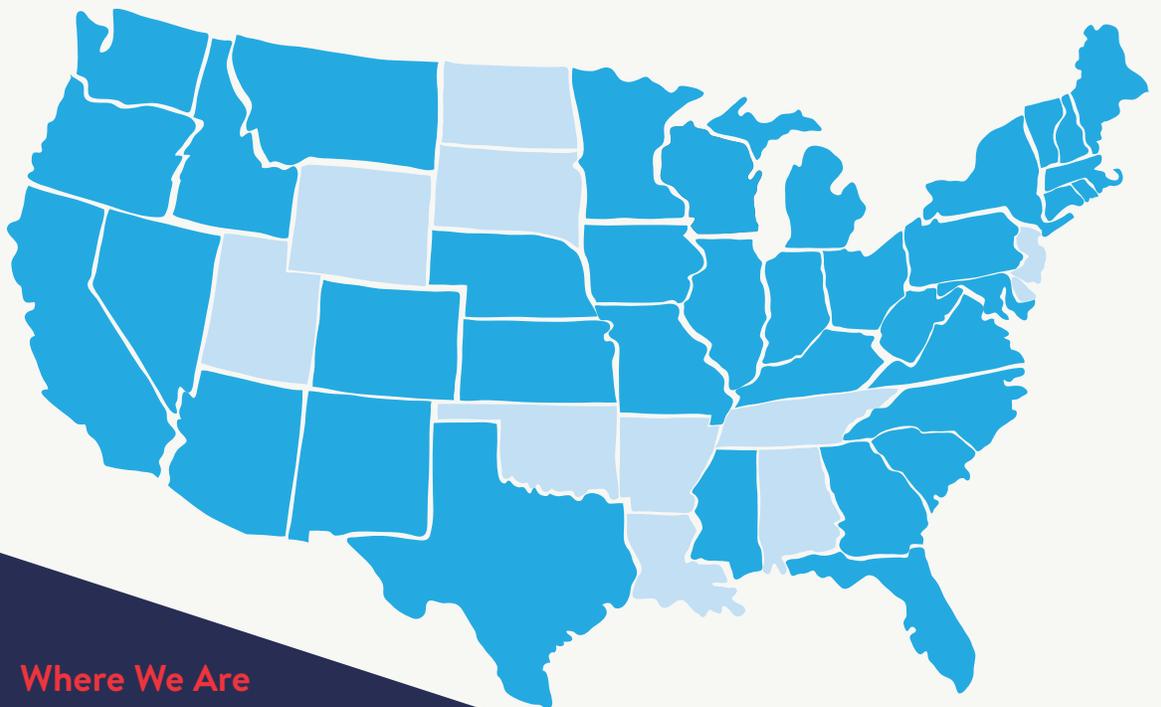
ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

Who We Are

The Alliance for Retired Americans is 4.4 million members strong. Our retiree activists live in every state and are from all walks of life. We are former teachers, industrial workers, health care workers, state and federal government workers, construction workers and community leaders, all united in the belief that every American deserves a secure and healthy retirement after a lifetime of hard work. Founded by the AFL-CIO Executive Council in 2001, the Alliance now has 39 state alliances and hundreds of local chapters.

What We Do

Our retiree activists understand the power of collective action to create change in their communities and the country. Alliance members educate the public and policymakers about critical issues facing older Americans. We engage elected officials in our local communities, take direct action through demonstrations and protests, and work to elect pro-retiree candidates.



Where We Are

39 State Alliance
Affiliates and growing



Massachusetts Alliance members John Ratliff, Denise Berkley, and Marilyn Marion on a UAW picket line with AFT MA President Beth Kontos

Texas Alliance member Kenneth Williams at a Social Security demonstration

Our Priorities

The Alliance for Retired Americans' policy agenda is set by our board and during quadrennial meetings of our board and membership. Our activism and ideas come from our members. To protect and strengthen retirement security, Alliance members are working to:

- ▲ Lower the cost of prescription drugs;
- ▲ Expand Social Security to increase benefits and strengthen the system for future generations;
- ▲ Expand and strengthen Medicare and require coverage for essential medical services including hearing, vision and dental;
- ▲ Strengthen Medicaid and ensure all Americans have access to health care;
- ▲ Strengthen and protect earned pension benefits;
- ▲ Protect older Americans from financial fraud and abuse;
- ▲ Protect the right to vote; and
- ▲ Elect pro-retiree officials at all levels of government.



2023 ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Fourth Annual Retirement Symposium

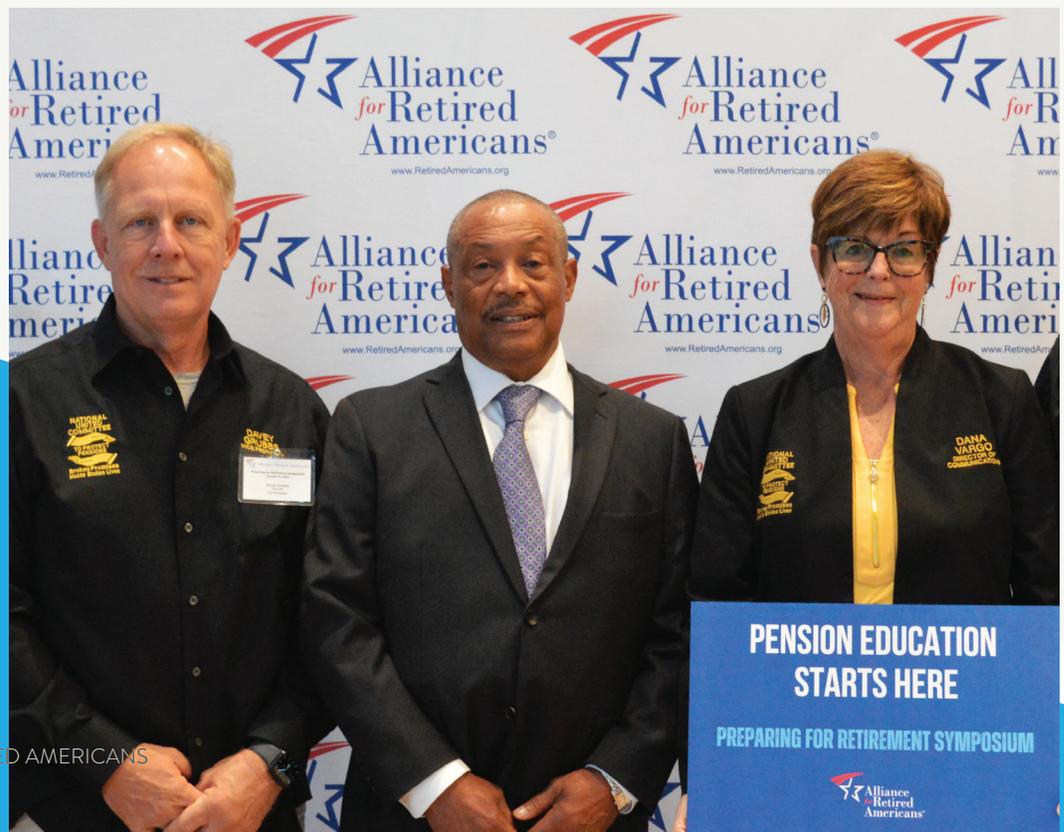
Government officials, labor movement leaders, policy experts, Social Security and pension advocates, academics, attorneys, and economists shared strategies to address retirement security and social insurance issues at the Alliance's Retirement Security Symposium: *Preparing for Retirement, Individual and Collective Efforts* in October.

Dozens of people joined the annual event in Washington, DC, and many more participated virtually to discuss actions individuals and policymakers should take to ensure a secure retirement for all.

President Roach was the convenor and AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler gave remarks that urged people to call out members of Congress who continue to press for fiscal commissions or special committees designed to cut Social Security.

AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer and Alliance Executive Vice President Fred Redmond thanked Alliance members for their important work in protecting and expanding retirement security through outreach to retirees and explained why every American is affected by retiree issues.

American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten discussed how policies like the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act would strengthen retirement security. Rep. John Larson (CT), Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, spoke about the need to protect and expand Social Security now and Gordon Hartogensis, Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, provided a briefing on the financial health of PBGC's single- and multi-employer insurance programs.



National United Committee
to Protect Pensions leaders
Davey Grubbs, Kenneth
Stribling, and Dana Vargo
at the Alliance's 2023
Retirement Security
Symposium

Acting SSA Commissioner Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi at an Alliance Older Americans Month Retiree Town Hall webinar



Acting Commissioner Kijakazi

Many other experts and advocates shared their knowledge and experiences including officials from the Department of Labor; Ken Stribling, President, National United Committee to Protect Pensions; Ilana Boivie, Senior Economist with the Machinists Union; Tyler Bond, Research Director for the National Institute on Retirement Security; and Shaun O'Brien, Policy Director, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Member Education Webinars

The Alliance held several virtual workshops and trainings for its members this year including two well-attended sessions with leaders from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB).

As part of the Alliance's Older Americans Month activities in May, Dr. Kilolo Kijakazi, MSW, Ph.D., Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration spoke to Alliance members about the importance of Social Security to Americans of all ages and what SSA is doing to improve service and prevent fraud. She noted that in 2022 SSA employees completed about 10 million benefit claims, assisted nearly 13 million visitors at field offices, and answered about 69 million phone calls but were struggling to keep up with demand due to insufficient funding.

In November, CFPB officials Dr. Hector L. Ortiz, a Senior Policy Analyst with CFPB, and Cora Hume, an attorney with the Office for Older Americans, talked about paying for long-term care, wrongful medical billing, and scams that prey on older Americans. They also shared information about the CFPB's work to educate older Americans about financial issues related to aging in place, making housing decisions after losing a spouse or partner, and using home equity to meet financial needs.



Rep. John Larson (CT) shows the Social Security information he distributes to members of Congress to demonstrate the importance of the program to their constituents

ISSUE ADVOCACY

Preventing a Government Default

Just two weeks after the House Republicans elected Kevin McCarthy to be Speaker of the House, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen announced the federal government would begin to take “extraordinary measures” to allow the United States to meet its financial obligations after reaching the debt ceiling. The debt ceiling is the total amount of money that the United States government is authorized to borrow to meet its existing legal obligations.

A default would have been devastating for retirees who live on fixed incomes or whose savings are affected by the financial markets. Benefit payments, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, would have been disrupted. Other government programs, including nutrition assistance and the VA health system, would have run out of money. A bi-partisan majority in Congress finally passed legislation to raise the debt ceiling on June 1st and President Biden signed it into law on June 2nd.

To help prevent this crisis, the Alliance mobilized its members to urge Congress to “do its job” and raise the debt ceiling. More than 4,000 letters were sent to Congress. Alliance members in key House districts held lobby visits and actions outside their Representatives’ offices and submitted letters to the editor urging action.

Sandra Cole, President of the Arizona Alliance, told the *Associated Press* what default and the loss of income could mean for older Americans in her community: “What I’m

Images of the Retired Americans PAC digital ads urging Congress to raise the debt ceiling



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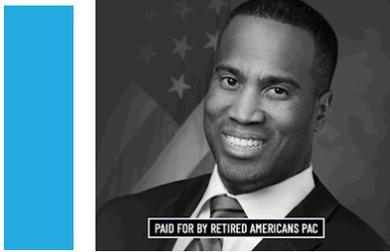
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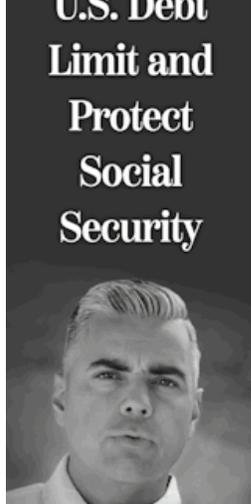
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Denise Niese, Exec. Direc., Wood County Committee on Aging; Amer Najjar, owner of Broadway Pharmacy; Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb; Ohio Alliance members Dean Hudson and Semanthie Brooks; Ohio Rep. Shontel Brown; and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra at a news conference

worried about is food banks and electricity here because you know, we've had deaths with seniors because of the heat," she said.

Retired Americans PAC, an independent project of the Alliance, launched digital ads in 10 congressional districts and Washington, DC. The ads warned of the threat to Social Security payments if the debt ceiling were not raised and urged constituents to call their representatives to demand action.

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices

\$35 INSULIN CAP AND FREE VACCINES FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

The landmark Inflation Reduction Act, and its provisions to lower drug prices for seniors on Medicare, began to be phased in on January 1, 2023. Insulin co-pays are now capped at \$35 monthly for Medicare beneficiaries. All vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, such as the shingles vaccine, are now available at no cost for people with Medicare prescription drug coverage and people with Medicaid coverage.

In addition, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services imposed inflation penalties on the makers of 64 drugs, including medications that fight infections and cancer, that raised prices faster than the rate of inflation. Drug makers were required to pay rebates to Medicare, and seniors who take these drugs saved between \$1 and \$2,786 per dose on their medications.

Throughout the year Alliance members helped raise awareness of the law's benefits. This included joining Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra at news conferences in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

In October, a Navigator poll found that 77% of Americans support President Biden's work to lower drug prices by capping insulin prices at \$35 a month and allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. Lowering drug prices is also the issue the poll found Americans had heard the most about.



Maryland/DC Alliance member Pam Parker (bottom) is pictured with Mt. Vernon, NY Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard at the White House.

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MEDICARE BEGINS NEGOTIATING LOWER DRUG PRICES

The Inflation Reduction Act also requires Medicare to negotiate lower prices for some of the highest priced prescription drugs. Passing legislation to give Medicare this power has been an Alliance priority for two decades, and will pay dividends for patients and taxpayers for years to come.

The Biden Administration announced the first 10 prescription drugs subject to price negotiation in August and Alliance members across the country joined elected leaders and Cabinet officials to inform older Americans about this important development.

The list includes drugs used by millions of older Americans, including Eliquis and Xarelto, which are used to treat blood clots; and Jardiance, Jenuvia, Farxiga, and Fiasp (along with Fiasp FlexTouch; Fiasp PenFill; NovoLog; NovoLog FlexPen; NovoLog and PenFill), which are used to treat diabetes. These selected drugs accounted for \$50.5 billion in total Part D gross covered prescription drug costs, or about 20%, of total Part D gross covered prescription drug costs between June 1, 2022 and May 31, 2023.

Maryland/DC Alliance member Pam Parker joined U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra on a panel in Chantilly, Virginia touting the drug price negotiation benefits. Senator Mark Kelly (AZ) joined local Alliance members to discuss how Medicare negotiations will lower prescription drug costs for Arizonans.

MAKING DRUGS DEVELOPED WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS AFFORDABLE FOR PATIENTS

The Alliance also welcomed the Biden Administration plan to use the federal government's power to seize patents to lower drug prices and boost competition.

In December, the Administration announced a plan to use 'march-in' rights to seize patents for medicines that were developed with taxpayer dollars in order to lower prices for the most expensive drugs.



*Members of the
Colorado Alliance
during their state
convention*



Pennsylvania Alliance members speak out against cuts to health care and earned benefits during a "Back Off Our Benefits" bus tour

Although march-in rights have never been utilized by the federal government before, it is a tactic long-favored by the Alliance and other health care advocates to lower prescription drug costs and allow taxpayers to share in the profits derived from the drug research their money helped pay for.

Health Care

PROTECTING NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND WORKERS BY INCREASING STAFFING LEVELS

The Alliance pressed the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement new standards for nursing home staffing and provide more support for the Americans who work in these essential facilities.

In September, the Biden Administration proposed a new rule to increase the number of staff providing care to nursing home residents. Nearly 1.2 million Americans receive care in facilities covered by the proposal. Alliance members submitted hundreds of comments in support of the rule.

The new standards include a mandatory federal floor for staffing levels and increased federal oversight of nursing home performance. They would also make nursing homes safer by increasing enforcement of current staffing standards and enhancing the government's ability to hold providers accountable for inadequate staffing.

Protecting Earned Retirement Benefits

OPPOSING FISCAL COMMISSIONS

With GOP control of the House of Representatives, legislation to create a so-called Fiscal Commission to address the national debt gained significant momentum and some bipartisan support. House Speaker Mike Johnson called



Sen. Richard Blumenthal (CT), CT AFL-CIO President Ed Hawthorne, and Connecticut Alliance President Bette Marafino at a Social Security anniversary event

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creation of a fiscal commission his top priority during his first speech as Speaker of the House. Johnson has supported cuts to Social Security and Medicare including raising the retirement age, privatization, and cutting benefits.

The Alliance strongly opposes the two leading fiscal commission bills, the Fiscal Commission Act (H.R. 5779) and the Fiscal Stability Act (S. 3262), which were introduced by Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI) and Sens. Joe Manchin (WV) and Mitt Romney (UT).

The bills establish a 16-member “Fiscal Commission” to make recommendations on balancing the federal budget and improving the solvency of Federal trust funds, including Social Security and Medicare. They do not discuss options to increase revenue, such as making the wealthiest Americans pay more into the system. The commission would meet behind closed doors, and its recommendations would be fast-tracked to the House and Senate floor for an up or down vote.

Alliance members are calling and writing their senators and representatives and raising awareness about this threat, which is built on a flawed, dangerous premise that earned benefits must be cut rather than strengthened and expanded.

We anticipate that this issue will come to a head next year and be a focus of our advocacy work. House Budget Committee Chairman Jodey Arrington has signaled that the creation of a fiscal commission is likely in 2024 to be a requirement for agreeing to fund the government.

CONFIRMATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER MARTIN O’MALLEY

With 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day, the Social Security Administration (SSA) has an ever increasing workload but Congress has failed to adequately fund the

*Rep. Colin Allred (TX)
receives his retiree
hero award*





Arizona Alliance members demonstrate outside Rep. David Schweikert's district office

Nebraska Alliance members marked the anniversaries of Social Security and Medicare at an event with local labor leaders

program and Americans are waiting longer to have questions answered or their requests for disability benefits heard.

The Alliance strongly supported the nomination of former Governor Martin O'Malley as SSA Commissioner. We look forward to working with him to convince Congress to increase SSA's funding and staffing levels so beneficiaries and their families can get the help they need and the benefits they have earned.

SOCIAL SECURITY EXPANSION

Alliance members did not let divided government stop them from speaking out in favor of expanding Social Security and making all Americans pay their fair share into the system.

President Robert Roach testified before the House Ways & Means Social Security Subcommittee in May and joined Alliance members at a rally on Capitol Hill calling for repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) that reduce the Social Security benefits of millions of public sector workers, retirees, and spouses.

The Alliance endorsed three bills that would significantly strengthen retirement security for millions of Americans this year, including:

The *Social Security 2100, A Sacred Trust Act* (H.R. 4583), introduced by Rep. John Larson (CT). The bill, which has 182 cosponsors, would increase benefits for all beneficiaries, improve the way cost of living adjustments are calculated, repeal the WEP and GPO, and require the wealthiest Americans to pay more into the Social Security system.

The *Social Security Fairness Act* (H.R. 82 and S. 597), which repeals both the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO) that reduce the Social Security benefits of millions of public sector workers and retirees, garnered 301 bipartisan sponsors in the House and 49 in the Senate. A House Ways and Means Committee field hearing on the legislation was held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in November.



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The *Social Security Expansion Act* (S. 393 and H.R. 1046) was introduced by Sens. Bernie Sanders (VT) and Elizabeth Warren (MA), along with Reps. Jan Schakowsky (IL) and Val Hoyle (OR) in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill would increase Social Security benefits by \$2,400 a year and ensure Social Security is fully funded for the next 75 years.

ALLIANCE RELEASES VIDEO “SOCIAL SECURITY: OUR EARNED BENEFITS”

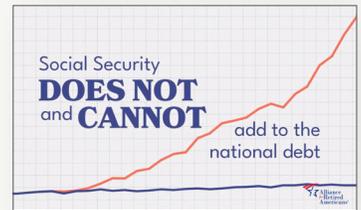
To educate our members and the public, and combat disinformation about Social Security, the Alliance released “Social Security: Our Earned Benefits,” a three-minute educational video about how Social Security is funded, who is eligible for benefits, and how the system can be strengthened for future generations.

The video, narrated by Executive Director Richard Fiesta, has been shown at events and meetings throughout the country as well as on Capitol Hill. It is available to watch or download on the Alliance’s website and YouTube channel.

CELEBRATING MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY ANNIVERSARIES

The Alliance celebrated the 58th anniversary of Medicare and the 88th anniversary of Social Security at events across the country.

Each state Alliance marks the anniversaries in its own way. This year the Kentucky Alliance co-sponsored a birthday celebration at the Louisville Free Public Library



New York State Alliance members mark Social Security and Medicare’s anniversaries at a Tri-Valley Cats baseball game



Texas Alliance members supporting Starbucks workers' right to form a union

Washington State Alliance member demonstrates outside the Spokane Social Security office

and screened the documentary film "Power to Heal." The documentary shows how the creation of Medicare sparked a dramatic coordinated effort that desegregated thousands of hospitals in a matter of months.

Alliance members from throughout New England celebrated Social Security's anniversary with Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, while members in Ohio and Nebraska hosted anniversary events with labor movement allies.

Congressional Voting Record and Retiree Hero Awards

Our annual Congressional Voting Record was released in March. Fifty members of the Senate and 220 members of the House of Representatives earned the distinction of "Retiree Hero" with perfect scores of 100 percent. Twenty-three senators earned scores of 20% or below, while 74 House members earned a score of 0%.

Ten Senate and House floor votes were considered in the report, including votes on bills and amendments to lower drug prices through the Inflation Reduction Act; protect voting rights; and pass the Postal Service Reform Act, which was critical to retirees who often rely on the postal service for at-home delivery of medications and election ballots.

Votes on government funding, including the FY 2023 Consolidated Appropriations bill that funded all twelve federal agencies, were also considered. The \$1.7 trillion spending bill contained an important \$785 million increase for the Social Security Administration to improve its response to Americans seeking assistance or information.

Supporting Labor Union Priorities

Knowing that workers who form or join a union earn better wages and have greater retirement security, Alliance members enthusiastically showed support for organized labor this year.



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Supporting the UAW members working at the Big 3 automakers in their historic Stand Up strike was a priority.

Thousands of Alliance members signed the UAW's solidarity petition and shared information about the strike on social media. When particular facilities were called upon to stand up, Alliance members joined rallies and walked picket lines in Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Alliance members showed solidarity in other ways. The Illinois Alliance made two financial contributions to the UAW strike fund during its annual convention and other members gave money to some individual families who were struggling financially. Michigan Alliance President and UAW retiree Jim Pedersen delivered propane heat to a picket line in Lansing.

Gene Lantz, a UAW retiree who is both the Dallas County AFL-CIO President and the Texas Alliance President, was interviewed on local television station NBC-DFW about labor movement activities to support striking UAW and SAG-AFTRA workers. In addition, the Texas Alliance provided red scarves to striking UAW workers to ensure the UAW's tradition of wearing red on Wednesday to show solidarity would continue as the weather became colder.

California Alliance members at their 20th anniversary convention

Protecting the Right to Vote

The Alliance continued its work to protect the right to vote with several state Alliances going to court to challenge restrictive and burdensome voting requirements. A summary of the current cases is below.





Kentucky Alliance members with state Representatives Ketura Herron and Al Gentry

Alliance Executive Director Rich Fiesta at the UAW picket line in Wentzville, MO

WON—BABB V. NESSEL

The Michigan Alliance challenged a Michigan law that made it a misdemeanor to “hire a motor vehicle” to transport voters to the polls unless they are “physically unable to walk” on the grounds that it made it too burdensome for older voters who may not drive to get to the polls. The case was resolved when the legislature enacted a law repealing the transportation ban.

WON—ARIZONA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS V. CROSBY

In 2022 the Arizona Alliance filed a lawsuit in Cochise County to block an illegal hand count of ballots. Two members of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors who resisted certifying results in the November 2022 election as required by state law were held personally responsible for paying \$37,000 in legal and court fees.

WON—IN RE APPEAL OF DECLARATORY RULING FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The North Carolina Alliance intervened in a signature matching case that would have made it more likely that older voters’ mail-in ballots would be rejected. The North Carolina Republican Party asked the North Carolina State Board of Elections to allow county boards of election to accept or reject mail-in ballots based on whether a voter’s signature on their mail-in ballot matches the signature on their voter registration file.

The plaintiffs dismissed the lawsuit voluntarily in October.

FILED—ARIZONA FREE ENTERPRISE CLUB V. FONTES

The Arizona Alliance intervened in a lawsuit filed by a right-wing legal group on behalf of the Arizona Free Enterprise Club and a voter against Arizona Secretary of State Adrian Fontes challenging the use of drop boxes in Arizona.

FILED—FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES AND YOUTH UNITS OF THE NAACP V. BYRD

The Florida Alliance joined other organizations challenging the state’s voter suppression law that imposes restrictions and penalties on voter registration



organizations and puts limitations on voter assistance options for requesting a mail-in ballot.

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FILED—LINDSEY V. WHITMER

The Michigan Alliance filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit brought by 11 Republican state legislators seeking to nullify two pro-voting constitutional amendments added to the Michigan constitution via ballot initiatives in 2018 and 2022.

FILED—NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS V. HIRSCH

The North Carolina Alliance for Retired Americans is challenging a North Carolina law that requires voters to reside in the state for at least 30 days prior to the election in which they seek to vote.

FILED—NORTHEAST OHIO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS V. LAROSE

The Ohio Alliance and other organizations filed a lawsuit challenging House Bill 458, the state’s restrictive voting law. Among other provisions, H.B. 458 restricts access to the polls by limiting drop boxes to one per county and shortening the timeline for voters to return mail-in ballots.



MD/DC Alliance members during a Capitol Hill lobby day



AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler (second from left) in Louisville for GOTV activities, with Kentucky Alliance President Kirk Gillenwaters, and members Kay Tillow and Dale Warren

Massachusetts Alliance President Marilyn Marion and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA)

FILED—WASHINGTON STATE ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS V. HOBBS

The Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans is challenging a Washington law that requires voters to live in the state—or in a particular county or precinct—for at least 30 days in order to be eligible to register to vote and cast a ballot in the next election. This prevents voters who could otherwise lawfully register and cast ballots from doing so just because they moved into the state, county or precinct too recently.

FILED—PRIORITIES USA V. WISCONSIN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

The Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans joined others in filing a lawsuit against the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The suit challenges three rules regulating absentee voting procedures in Wisconsin including ballot witnesses, prohibitions of drop boxes, and the deadline to “cure” errors on their absentee ballot envelopes.

Electing Pro-Retiree Candidates

Although few states held elections this year, the Alliance-backed candidates and initiatives were successful in Kentucky and Texas.

Kentucky Alliance members helped re-elect Governor Andy Beshear. Members appeared in television ads and joined with the Louisville chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute to drive voters to the polls.

In Texas, voters approved Proposition 9 with 84% of the vote, the highest yes vote of the 14 measures on the ballot this year. Proposition 9 allows the state to use \$3.4 billion to fund a cost-of-living adjustment for retired educators. Texas Alliance members worked all year to ensure the measure passed.





Members of the Illinois Alliance demonstrate for Social Security expansion in Chicago



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