



2024 Winter Legislative Toolkit How to Use This Toolkit

This is your Alliance for Retired Americans 2024 Winter Legislative Toolkit. Please take advantage of the information and materials found throughout this toolkit to help ready you and your fellow activists for the Presidents Day Legislative recess, which will be February 10th through the 25th for the Senate and February 17th through March 4th for the House of Representatives.

This kit has three sections: The first section contains everything you will need to request, hold and report on virtual district lobby meetings with representatives. The second section contains information to support your work and in the third section you will find materials to take your mobilization beyond your meetings.

Lobby Visits

Scheduling Your Visit

The toolkit contains a 2024 legislative calendar, lobby visit guide, and talking points. Once you've read through all the materials, contact your local congressional offices and request virtual or in-person meetings for your group with members of the House, Senate and/or their staff. The Alliance Zoom account is available to host your meetings if it is helpful. [Use this tracker for this and any other requests.](#)

Reporting Back

Be sure to take a picture of your visit. Debrief with your group immediately following your visit to ensure you have all the responses for the report back form. [Complete the online report back form](#) and send pictures to Mobilization@RetiredAmericans.org.

Fact Sheets and Position Papers

Familiarize yourself with our new and updated 2024 fact sheets and position papers in advance of your visits. While we are at the start of the legislative calendar, the index of fact sheets for this year will continue to expand. This section will be updated as new legislation is introduced.

- [2024 Social Security and Medicare Facts and Figures](#) - All you need to know about Social Security and Medicare in 2024. This is the most updated information about average benefits, eligibility, cost of living adjustments and more.
- [Debt Commission Legislation](#) - The Alliance for Retired Americans strongly opposes H.R. 5779 and S. 3262, and any other legislation to create committees or commissions to do the work of Americans' elected representatives without input from the American people. Retirees have earned their Social Security and Medicare benefits over a lifetime of work. The benefits ensure older Americans receive the health care they need, and provide income for more than 66 million Americans. These benefits are critical and they should not be cut.
- [Inflation Reduction Act](#) - To help reverse the pharmaceutical industry's stranglehold on our health care system, on August 16, 2022 President Biden



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signed the Inflation Reduction Act into law. It means lower prescription drug prices for millions of Medicare beneficiaries.

- **COMING SOON: 2023 Congressional Voting Record** – The Alliance Congressional Voting Record that scores every U.S. Senator and Representative on key retirement security issues will be released in mid-February.

Mobilization

Retiree Hero/Zero Awards

Celebrate our Alliance Retiree Heroes with awards during lobby visits, endorsement events, or even press conferences. And while our Zeroes might not grace us with their presence, it's our chance to spotlight their lack of support for retirees loud and clear. Included in this toolkit is a guide to help you get started. Alliance staff are available and eager to help work out the details and plan your event! Please reach out to Mobilization@RetiredAmericans.org to get started.

Sharing Your Story

Because every issue has a story, we have included our personal storytelling guide. Before your legislative lobby visit, take time in a group to go through this guide and ask your group members to outline their stories.

Personal storytelling is one of the most powerful tools for change. As you and your group collect and hone your personal stories, share them with Mobilization@RetiredAmericans.org or [the Alliance Storytelling Submission Form](#) for inclusion in future advocacy actions.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are a great way to communicate with the media and your community about the issues that are important to retirees. Included in this toolkit are example LTEs calling on our Members of Congress to oppose any Debt Commission legislation. If you'd like help customizing your letter, reach out to Mobilization@RetiredAmericans.org.