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Retired Americans PAC Launches Ads in Five Key House Races

Retired Americans PAC, the independent political arm of the Alliance, has launched five new digital ads in key battleground House races across the country. The 30-second spots are paid for by Retired Americans PAC and will be shown to persuadable older voters throughout the district.

"Older voters will play a critical role in this election," said **Richard Fiesta**, Treasurer of Retired Americans PAC. "The ads present the facts so that seniors can vote for the candidates who will protect their interests."

The independent expenditure campaigns are currently running in the following congressional districts:



Kirsten Engel's opponent, Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R), is featured in the AZ-06 ad

- Arizona's 1st Congressional District - "[Crisis](#)"
- Arizona's 6th Congressional District - "[Sold Out](#)"
- Michigan's 7th Congressional District - "[Tom Barrett and Project 2025](#)"
- Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District - "[No Games](#)"
- Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District - "[Game Show](#)"

[Retired Americans PAC](#) is the independent political arm of the Alliance and works to elect candidates who are committed to strengthening retirement security, protecting the interests of older Americans, and defeating those who have taken positions that would harm older Americans.

Join us at the Alliance's Annual Retirement Security Symposium on November 13

The Alliance and the AFL-CIO are pleased to invite you to attend our annual Retiree Security Symposium, *The Looming Retirement Security Crisis*, on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM** at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, DC.

“Presenters and attendees will discuss the future of retirement security and how to face it as a movement, as well as the role of personal responsibility,” said **Robert Roach, Jr.**, President of the Alliance, who will serve as emcee. “We will also focus on the Butch Lewis Act: how the legislation is working, efforts to build on it to further protect pensions, and repercussions from bankruptcies.”

Liz Shuler, President of the AFL-CIO, will send remarks via video. **Rep. John Larson** (CT), House Committee on Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Ranking Member, and **Fred Redmond**, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO and Executive Vice President of the Alliance, have been invited to speak at the event.

A panel, “Keeping the Pension Promise: How to Win Retirement Security for all Americans,” will feature **Brandon Rees**, Deputy Director of Corporations and Capital Markets for the AFL-CIO. The list of other confirmed speakers and invited guests can be found [here](#).

Additional presentations and speakers will be added, and the agenda will be forthcoming. Information will be provided as soon as it is confirmed.

Due to limited space, please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/Symposium111324> by **Friday, November 1, 2024** to reserve your seat. A continental breakfast and a lunch will be provided. The event will also be livestreamed; please let us know if you will attend in person or virtually. Respondents who RSVP to attend virtually will receive the link for the livestream.

If you have any questions, please contact **Joni Jones** at jjones@retiredamericans.org / 202-637-5377.

North Carolina Alliance Files Motion to Protect Voting Rights

The North Carolina Alliance has [filed a motion to intervene](#) in a Republican National Committee (RNC) lawsuit challenging rules for mail-in ballots in the state. The RNC suit arose from the State Board of Elections revising its Numbered Memo 2021-03, which implements various laws governing absentee ballots, so that minor errors in returning ballots on time will not be rejected by election officials.

“As our motion [states](#), GOP groups are searching for ‘new procedural traps to drum up alleged errors in hopes of disqualifying mail ballots cast by qualified voters,’” said **Joseph Peters, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer** of the Alliance. “The right to vote is sacred, and the Alliance will work to stop voter suppression efforts wherever we see them.”

Find a Rally Near You This Tuesday for the People’s Post Office

The American Postal Workers Union (APWU) represents 200,000 postal workers whom we all rely on to deliver life-saving medications, essential documents, meaningful birthday and holiday cards and even vote-by-mail ballots.

APWU members are in negotiations right now with U.S. Postal Service (USPS) management. They’re demanding a good contract with fair pay and benefits, increased transparency and accountability for senior postal leadership, and a commitment to improving mail service year-round.



You can support the postal workers by finding a [rally](#) near you on Tuesday, October 1.

For this year's presidential election, USPS will deploy "extraordinary measures" to make sure that mail-in ballots are delivered on time. While postal workers are gearing up to make this election a success, they're also ringing the alarm bells about short staffing and poorly executed management plans affecting other mail—with no accountability to the American people.

Postal workers can win the strong contract they deserve with your support. If you can't make it to an event on Oct. 1, please sign APWU's petition in solidarity with postal workers fighting for a better post office at apwu.org/better-post-office.

Hawaii Alliance Holds Its Convention

The Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans (HARA) held their Ninth Biennial Convention on September 18. Attendees honored past president **Justin Wong**, the chapter's longest serving president, who was bestowed with the title of President Emeritus of HARA. **Dr. William Puette**, recently retired Director of the Center of Labor Education and Research (CLEAR), University of Hawaii-West Oahu, presented the education program, "Pa's Hui Unions Then and Now: Reflections on Hawaii Labor History." **Randy Ferreira**, President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO, also spoke. **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance, represented the national Alliance with a special video greeting.

The following officers were elected at the convention: **Ann Ebesuno**, President; **Stephen Ono**, Vice President; **Rae Yamanaka**, Secretary; and **Phyllis Hiramatsu**, Treasurer. **Al Hamai** was elected an officer with the title of Past President.