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Congressional Budget Office: Without Congressional Action, 2032 Automatic Social Security Cuts Will be Steeper

Raising the stakes in the midterm elections, a new report from the Congressional Budget Office says that all monthly Social Security benefits will be cut by 26 percent, rather than the previously projected 22 percent – a total of nearly $600 less per month for the average beneficiary.

74 million Americans currently receive Social Security benefits, including nearly 58 million older Americans.

“Any cut to the benefits Americans work a lifetime to earn is unacceptable,” said **Robert Roach, Jr.**, President of the Alliance. “We must elect people to Congress who are willing to act and make the wealthy pay their fair share into Social Security to strengthen it for everyone.”

Register Now: Join us at the Alliance’s Annual Retirement Security Symposium on November 10

The Alliance is pleased to invite you to attend our annual Retirement Security Symposium which will take place on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington, DC. It will also be streamed online.

The event brings together labor movement leaders, policy experts, and retirees to discuss key important retirement security issues.

Speakers will include AFL-CIO President **Liz Shuler** and Secretary-Treasurer **Fred Redmond**; PBGC Participant and Plan Sponsor Advocate **Anne Henderson**, National United Committee to Protect Pensions President **Ken Stribling**, and AFL-CIO Corporations and Capital Markets Deputy Director **Brandon Rees**. The symposium will include a discussion of the next steps for strengthening Social Security called “The Solvency Clock: Strengthening Social Security Before 2032” and one on online scams called “Clicks to Accountability: Defending Seniors from AI-Powered Social Media Scams.”

To RSVP, please fill out this form, and indicate if you will attend in person or virtually. **Please click here to register.**

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

Trump Administration Raids Medicare Fund to Send One-Time $90 Payments to Beneficiaries

On Thursday, President **Donald Trump** sent an email alerting some Medicare beneficiaries that they will receive a one-time payment of $90. The Administration took $2 billion from Medicare's Improvement Fund – which is meant for improvements to Medicare's hospital and medical insurance programs (Part A and Part B) – in order to make the payments.

Retiree advocates immediately slammed the move, pointing out a one-time payment will do little to lower costs or off-set rising Medicare premiums.

"Politicizing Medicare by sending checks right before an election is shameful," **Richard Fiesta**, Executive Director of the Alliance, told the *Washington Post*. "Seniors can see through this hollow ploy."

National Voter Education Week: Make a Plan to Vote as Early as You Can

Today is the last day of National Voter Education Week, a time to make your plan to vote in the midterm election.

The nonpartisan voting access organization, vote.org, recommends mailing ballots by next **Friday, October 16**, so voters have time to track their ballots and ensure the Post Office has enough time to process them. Early voting is already underway in 11 states, and today is the last day for voters in two states to register to vote in person or online. Voters can find information about their registration, polling location, and identification requirements at vote.org.

"Voting in person or by mail is easy and secure—but with voting rights under attack this year, we're urging everyone who can to vote early," said **Joseph Peters, Jr.**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. "Workers and retirees are ready for an economy, a government and a country that works for us, not for the billionaires. Make sure you're ready to help elect a pro-retiree Congress this November."

Click here to check your voter registration status and make a plan to cast your ballot.

Illinois, Massachusetts, and South Carolina Alliances Hold Events, Alliance Staff Joins IUPAT Retirees

Last week, Alliance Executive Director **Richard Fiesta** delivered remarks at the Massachusetts Alliance's 5th biennial convention in Falmouth, and the South Carolina Alliance held its annual convention in Columbia. Alliance Field Mobilization Director **Maureen Dunn** also spoke to Illinois Alliance retirees at the Quad Cities Regional Chapter Conference last week and the Senior Power Lunch this Wednesday.

Field Manager **Tommy McLaughlin** met with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) Retiree Committee Meeting and Committee Chair **Bill Candelori** on Tuesday and Wednesday in Florida. IUPAT joined the Alliance as an affiliated union in March last year.

Attendees at the IUPAT Retiree Committee Meeting this week