

May 13, 2010

Hon. XXX
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Washington, DC

Dear Senator XX or Rep. XXX:

According to recent reports by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of living is on the rise.

This is nothing new to America's Seniors on fixed incomes. Seniors face the challenge of rising costs every day. They are particularly hard hit by increases in healthcare and prescription costs.

And now, for the first time in 35 years, 50 million Social Security recipients did not receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) this year.

On behalf of the nearly 90,000 members of the Benefit Security Coalition, I am writing today to ask for your help to guarantee that Senior Citizens in our country receive a fair cost of living increase.

We request your help in pushing for passage of H.R. 1371 -- the COLA Fairness Act.

H.R. 1371 has been trapped in Committee for more than a year.

The goal of the Benefit Security Coalition, a nonpartisan, grassroots organization, is to make sure Senior Citizens receive the benefits that have been promised by the Federal Government. A fair COLA is part of that promise.

Social Security is a binding contract between the Federal Government and retirees that needs to be honored, protected and strengthened. We are dedicated to making sure promises to our Senior Citizens are kept.

Please let us know where you stand on H.R. 1371. We welcome any opportunity to work with you to ensure H.R. 1371 is passed into law.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist you in any way. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cromwell
President