



601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 900, South Building
Washington, D.C. 20004-2601
Tel: 202-220-3172 Toll-Free: 1-866-360-7197
Email: contact@nrln.org Website: www.nrln.org Facebook:
www.facebook.com/nrln1 Twitter: www.twitter.com/nrln3

Board of Directors

Bill Kadereit, President / **Janet Seefried**, VP – Secretary /
Treasurer / **Ed Beltram**, VP – Communications / **Vern Larson** –
VP Chapters Representative / **Martha Deahl**, VP – Grassroots /
Dana Oliver, VP - Regulatory / **Joe Sciulli**, VP – Information
Technology / **Judy Stenberg**, VP – Legislative Affairs / **Hector
Saenz**, VP – Membership Development / **Jane Banfield** /
Cynthia Hadsell / **Jay Kuhnle** / **Mary Foley** /

Washington Staff

Alyson Parker, Executive Director
Michael Calabrese, Legislative Adviser

**The NRLN advocates the rights of more than 2 million
American retirees from...**

Aetna / Agere / Agilent / Albertson / American Airlines / AT&T-
Ameritech-SBC / AMF / American Mutual / Amica Mutual /
Archdiocese of Boston / ARXE, Inc. / AT&T / Avaya / Avin
Meritor / Avon / Ball Aerospace / Baltimore Public Schools / Bell
Atlantic / Bell Helicopter / BellSouth / Bendix / BOC Group /
Boeing / California State Employees / Caterpillar / C & P
Telephone / CenturyLink / Chrysler / City of San Diego / College
of New Rochelle / CO DOT / CO PERA / Commonwealth Edison /
Commscope / Connectivity Solutions / Consolidated Edison /
Continental Airlines / Continental General Tire / Cooper Tires/
CORBE, Inc. / Corvea / Cox Media / CSX Transportation / CWA /
Datatronics / Del Monte / Delphi / Delta Air Lines / Dept. of
Justice / Detroit Edison / Detroit Diesel / DHS-FEMA / Diamond
State / Digital Equipment / DTE Energy / DuPont / Eastman
Chemical Co. / Embarq / Enco Alloys / Entergy Operations, Inc. /
Exelon / FedEx / Fidelity / Fisher Scientific Co. / Ford / General
Electric / General Motors/ General Telephone / Gulf Oil /
Hartford / Hoechst Celanese / Holophone / Honeywell Vorr /
Hughes Aircraft / HWB / IBEW / IBM / Illinois Bell / Illinois
Teachers Assn. / Indiana Bell / J. I. Case Corp. / John Deere / JNJ
/ Johns Manville / Johnson & Johnson / Kaman Corp. / Kansas
City Schools / Kodak / Lockheed Martin / Lucent / Marlboro /
McDonnell Douglas / MCI / MetLife / Mich Con / MI Public
Schools / Mobil Oil / Monsanto/Solutia / MST&T Co. / NARFE /
NASD / NEA / Net Co. / Nevada Bell / Niagara Mohawk Power /
NJEA / NJ Public Employee / Nokia / North Memorial Medical
Center / NSTAR / Northwest Airlines / Northwestern Bell /
NYNEX / NY Teachers / Ohio Bell / OK Teachers / Oregon PERS /
OSRAM Sylvania / PacBell / PBGC / PECO Energy / Pension
Actuary / Pfizer / Phila Electric Co. / Polaroid / Port Authority of
NY & NJ / Portland GE-Enron / Prudential / PSERS of PA / Public
Service of Colorado / Raytheon / RECSEA / Rock-Tenn Co. /
Rocky Mount Mills / Rohm & Haas Co. / Rouse Co./ Salis / Sears
/ SEIU/CSEA / Sempra Energy / Southern New England Tel /
Southwestern Bell / Spherion Corp. / Springs Mills / Sprint /
State of MI / Supermedia LLC / Teamsters / Telesector
Resources Group / Telcordia / Tennessee Valley Authority /
Texas Instruments / TIAA-CREF / Transamerica / UCLA / Ullico /
Union Pacific / UnitedHealthCare / United Airlines / United
Telephone / University of California / UPS / U.S. Air Force / U.S.
Airways / U.S. Bureau of Reclamation / U.S. Marine Corp. / U.S.
Air Force / U.S. Army / U.S. Navy / USAF Trucking / US West-
Qwest / USPS / Verizon / Visteon / WA PERS / Wells Fargo /
Western Union / Weyerhaeuser / Xerox/

July 2, 2024

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3805

Dear Senator Casey:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the
National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am
writing to thank you for introducing **S.3974, Boosting
Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act.**

The NRLN agrees with you that Social Security Cost-of-
Living Adjustment (COLA) is very important to retirees to
be better able to contend with the rise in costs they are
facing.

We applaud your bill that would direct the Social Security
Administration to adjust the COLA benefits based on
Consumer Price Index for Americans aged 62 or older
(CPI-E) rather than the currently used Consumer Price
Index for Urban Wage Earners (CPI-W), if CPI-E would
result in a larger increase in benefits.

It makes sense to use the CPI-E that is more reflective
of the actual costs incurred by older adults, including
medical expenses that are weighted more heavily than in
CPI-W.

I know that **S.3974** has been in the Committee on
Finance for nearly four months. The NRLN hopes that
the Committee will approve your bill and it will be passed
by the Senate during this session of Congress.

Sincerely,

Bill Kadereit, President
National Retiree Legislative Network
Email: bkad@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 972-722-5928