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### RE: Legislative Initiatives and You

Dear Fellow association Members –

In these difficult times, there can be no doubt - - we must not - - indeed, we cannot - - just sit by and watch the continued erosion of our benefits without raising our voices of protest to those in high places!

We truly have only two courses of action: litigation and legislation. When existing laws are inadequate, legislative action must be sought to ensure that the commitments made to retirees are protected.

You likely have been following the many legislative initiatives of the current administration and Congress. Many organizations will be exerting pressures on Congress to do what is right for retirees. Our voices must be part of these appeals for the proposal *and* enactment of legislation that is in our best interests!

Your retiree organization joins with many other organizations in supporting the NRLN [for reference go to: <http://www.nrln.org/Members.htm>] as it mounts legislative initiatives and lobbies Congress to look favorably on issues affecting retirees. For a review of the current NRLN agenda go to: <http://www.nrln.org/NRLN%202009%20Legislative%20Agenda.pdf> .

A recent review of responses to NRLN Action Alerts indicates that many of us have not responded to our requests for action. PLEASE - - We **MUST** all put our shoulders to the wheel, - - now more than ever!!

When you get an NRLN Action Alert, please take action on it via the NRLN's CapWiz system. That system is easy to use and allows for modification of the message so you can send personalized messages to each of your Senators and to your Congressional Representative. Scheduling a visit or attending Town Hall Meetings with members of Congress are also important. Try to speak with them during the Congressional recesses, May 25-29 and June 29 – July 5. NRLN Talking Points on health care reform are posted at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org) .

You can be sure that, by providing this support, you will be helping the association /NRLN in moving an agenda forward that will support all retiree interests!

Thanks for your consideration. Your high participation will bring us closer to the successes we all need!!

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