



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](mailto:contact@nrln.org) Website: [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org)

#### Board of Directors

**Bill Kadereit**, President / **Robert Tompkins**, VP –  
Secretary/Treasurer / **Judy Stenberg**, VP – Legislative Affairs /  
**Dana Oliver**, VP - Regulatory Affairs / **Joe Dombrowski**, VP -  
Membership / **Bob Martina**, VP – Grassroots Network / **Joseph  
R. (Dick) Ciocca** / **Martha Deahl** / **Chris Dyrda** / **Chuck Gilbert** /  
**Cynthia Hadsell** / **Mike Stohlmeyer** / **Larry Smith**

#### Washington & Support Staff

**Marta Bascom**, Executive Director / **Michael Calabrese**,  
Legislative Adviser / **Ed Beltram**, VP - Communications / **Joe  
Sciulli**, Webmaster

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

Aetna / Agere / Agilent / Albertson / American Airlines /  
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 / 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 / CORBE, Inc. / 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 /  
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 / Holophane / 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 / 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 / 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 / Texas  
Instruments / TIAA-CREF / Transamerica / UCLA / Ullico / Union  
Pacific / UnitedHealthCare / United Airlines / 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 /

August 9, 2015

The Honorable John Paul Kline, Chairman  
Education and Workforce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2302

Dear Chairman Kline:

On July 16, 2015, the Senate passed **S. 192, the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015**. The Congress.gov website shows that S. 192 was referred to the House Education and Workforce Committee on July 20, 2015. On behalf for the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you soon call for a vote on **S. 192** in your committee.

Enacting **S. 192** would support social and nutrition services—from Meals on Wheels to senior centers—for nearly 12 million seniors and help them live healthier, more independent lives. Seniors should not be worried about how they will get their next meal. They should have the supports available to them to remain in their homes and communities. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act would help seniors live with dignity and with a sense of security.

In addition to providing grants to states for senior social and nutrition services, the reauthorization also aims to protect vulnerable elders from abuse by increasing existing abuse screening and prevention efforts. This includes programs to ensure that all residents of a long-term care facility have access to an ombudsman. The reauthorization streamlines federal level administration of programs, promotes effective use of transportation services, and improves coordination between programs at the federal, state, and local levels. The reauthorization also adjusts the formula that allots state grants to account for geographic changes in the older population.

The NRLN's full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org). Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

President, National Retiree Legislative Network  
Phone: 972-722-5928 Email: [president@nrln.org](mailto:president@nrln.org)