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## **Influential Senior Group Leader and Former Democratic Party Official Join CoMPASS Advisory Board**

*Additions of James L. Martin and Brian A. Lunde Demonstrate  
Multi-Generational and Bipartisan Support for Social Security Reform*

Washington, DC – The Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America’s Social Security (CoMPASS) today announced the addition of two people to its national Advisory Board: James L. Martin, President of the 60 Plus Association, and Brian A. Lunde, former Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee.

These new Advisory Board members will help guide CoMPASS’s *Generations Together* campaign, which has been extremely active in the past two Congressional recesses in key states and is now focusing inside the Beltway to urge Congress to work together on a bipartisan effort to fix Social Security now.

“The current Social Security system is a ticking time bomb. Only those attempting to score political points would want to turn their backs on meaningful reform,” said Martin. “Senior citizens today know that Social Security is there for them. But their children and grandchildren, Baby Boomers and those behind them cannot be so sure, and it is crucial that Congress comes together in a bipartisan way to find a permanent solution.”

“This is an issue that affects each and every American, regardless of party,” said Lunde, who began his political career as a Field Coordinator for Jimmy Carter’s 1976 campaign for President and who served as Executive Director of the Democratic National Committee. “It is time to get options out on the table and to find the best fix for Social Security, while ensuring that younger workers are empowered to invest and control their own retirement savings.”

CoMPASS has ramped up efforts inside the Beltway in the past weeks, including visiting and meeting with all 100 Senate offices to meet with Members and staff and to discuss the need for Social Security legislation that protects benefits for seniors and those nearing retirement, creates new voluntary personal retirement accounts for younger workers, puts

the program on a path to long-term solvency and ensures that taxes are not increased on employers or employees.

The Advisory Board includes Democrats and Republicans who are former Members of Congress, civic leaders, and business representatives with expertise on matters ranging from Social Security to fiscal policy. The Advisory Board is co-chaired by Former U.S. Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma and Sam Beard, Founder and President of Economic Security 2000.

Other Advisory Board members include Leanne Abdnor, Executive Director of Women for Social Security Choice; Herman Cain, CEO and President of T.H.E. New Voice, Inc.; Dan Crippen, former Director of the Congressional Budget Office; Wade Dokken, Chairman of Greenfield Financial; Al Gonzalez, President and CEO of AGE Refining; Janice Bryant Howroyd, founder of ACT 1 Personnel Services; Gwen S. King, former Commissioner of the Social Security Administration; Howard Li, Chairman and CEO of Waitex Group of Companies; Star Parker, founder and president of CURE, the Coalition on Urban Renewal & Education; Mary Martin, chairman of the board of directors for The Senior Coalition; William Shipman, Chairman of CarriageOaks Partners LLC; Jonathan Swanson, co-founder of Students for Saving Social Security; former U.S. Representative J.C. Watts; and Patrick Wetherille, co-founder of Students for Saving Social Security.

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