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Business, Civic and Senior Groups Launch Lobbying Blitz of Senate Offices to Urge Action on Social Security Reform

*CoMPASS and AWRS to contact all 100 Senate offices in just over one week;
“Speak up for Social Security Reform” blitz taking place today*

Washington, DC – In a strong showing of broad-based support for Social Security reform, business, senior and civic groups are fanning out across the U.S. Senate to urge action on Social Security reform in a lobbying blitz organized by the Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America’s Social Security (CoMPASS) and the Alliance for Worker Retirement Security (AWRS).

CoMPASS, the leading group advocating Social Security reform with more than 150 associations and organizations, has launched a major lobbying campaign to contact all 100 Senate offices by the end of this week. AWRS is a broad-based coalition of over 40 organizations representing large and small employers, corporations and other diverse groups.

The centerpiece of the effort is Tuesday’s “Speak Up for Social Security Reform on Capitol Hill” blitz in which dozens of representatives from CoMPASS member organizations will crisscross the Senate wearing the “Save Social Security Now” buttons and armed with information packets on the need for reform.

“It’s important for Senators and their staffs to understand the strong commitment of our business, senior and civic organizations to Social Security reform,” said Derrick Max, executive director of CoMPASS. “We are going to meet with Senators and their staffs in their offices, in the hallways, outside the Capitol and anywhere we need to go to deliver our ‘fix Social Security now’ message.”

CoMPASS sponsors *Generations Together* (www.generationstogether.net), the leading voter education and grassroots mobilization campaign in support of Social Security reform. *Generations Together* continues to actively work in 32 targeted states across the country on

behalf of reform. The group's multi-generational supporters are offering to be a resource to any Member of Congress who wants assistance in his or her district.

The *Generations Together* lobbying blitz is building on the campaign's activities over the past three months, which have included grassroots outreach and organizing, hundreds of thousands of phone calls to advocates, advertising, town hall meetings and media outreach. Reform advocates wearing the now-familiar "Fix Social Security Now!" buttons continue to be highly visible during Social Security events conducted by the President and other administration officials.

The latest report by the Social Security trustees shows that Social Security is on the path to fiscal insolvency. The report shows that Social Security will begin to pay out more than it collects in taxes by 2017 and it will run out of money by 2041.

"The sooner Congress takes action, the easier it will be to create a solution that can be phased in," Max said. "We believe Social Security must be put on a path to long-term financial stability with a reform plan that makes no changes for people age 55 and older, creates personal retirement account options for younger workers, and doesn't raise taxes on employers or employees."

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Generations Together (www.generationstogether.net) is a project of the Coalition for the Modernization and Protection of America's Social Security (CoMPASS). CoMPASS is a 501 (c)(4) with the mission of educating the public on, and advocating for, fundamental Social Security reform.