

MiARA Newsletter

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Call to Action

Call your U.S. Representative and Senators now to Make Sure H.R. 6305 is included in the federal COV-19 virus response.

866-828-4162

To better protect the health and wellbeing of seniors, Senator Bob Casey and Representative Debbie Dingell have introduced the Coronavirus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act in Senate and House.

Rep. Dingell has introduced a bill, H.R. 6305 (The Coronavirus Relief for Seniors and People with Disabilities Act) that will protect and aid older Americans during the Coronavirus outbreak. We need to make sure this bill is included in the new stimulus package that Congress is debating. Call your representative and senators now!

Despite what some Texas officials have said, older Americans should be able to count on us to protect them from Coronavirus.

Seniors are a critical part of our economy and we need them in order to rebuild it after this public health crisis passes.

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Meetings Postponed

The National Alliance for Retired Americans Mid-West Regional Conference that was scheduled for April 27 and April 28, 2020 has been postponed. New date TBA

The MiARA Quarterly Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020 has been cancelled.

President Trump Threatens Cuts to Social Security and Medicare for Seniors

According to the March 6, 2020 Alliance for Retired Americans *Friday Alert*, President Trump has plans to make drastic cuts to Medicaid and Social Security.

At a town hall meeting broadcast by Fox News on March 5, 2020, President Trump said, “we’ll be cutting entitlements like Medicare and Social Security.” While Trump had promised not to cut Medicaid and Social Security as a candidate for president in 2016, the latest remarks are part of a disturbing pattern.

Trump made similar remarks in Davos in January, and several officials in his administration, including Larry Kudlow, Director of the National Economic Council, and Mick Mulvaney, Director

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of the OMB and acting White House Chief of Staff, have repeatedly called on cuts to earned-benefits programs.

Richard Fiesta, Executive Director of the national Alliance for Retired Americans said, "We should do the exact opposite of what the President is planning, and that means working to expand Social Security and increasing benefits for current and future retirees."

According to Fiesta, we also need the Senate to pass H.R. 3, The Lower Costs Now Act, so that it can be signed into law. This act would add hearing, dental and vision benefits to Medicare.

Important Information About the 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is underway. Most MiARA members will receive their invitation to respond to the 2020 Census in the mail between March 12th and March 20th.

The official Census Bureau mailings will include detailed information and a Census ID for completing the Census online. There are three ways to complete the 2020 Census: by mail, by phone, or online.

If you are completing your form online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you do not have the ability to save your progress.

The 2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its five territories. It is very important that everyone fill out the census form.

Governments use the data to allocate funds for programs and services, such as education, public works, housing, and health care for seniors.

The 2020 Census data will determine how many seats Michigan will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

--Getting There--

Voting isn't marriage,
It's public transportation.

You are not waiting for "the one"
Who is absolutely perfect.

You are catching the bus,
And if there isn't one going to your
exact location,
You don't stay at home and sulk.

You get on the bus that's going the closest to
where you want to be.



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