



Steve Protulis Fights For Seniors

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(NAPSA)—**Good news:** More and more Americans are living longer and better. In fact, by 2030, seniors will represent one out of five Americans.

Bad news: The housing needs of retirees continue to grow rapidly, while their retirement income fails to keep pace with inflation. Further complicating the problem is this: Almost half of renters 62 and older spend more than half their income on housing.

Better news: In America today, we are surrounded by people dedicated to making the lives of senior citizens better. One such person is Steve Protulis, president of Elderly Housing Development and Operations Corporation (EHDOC), a national organization for building and maintaining affordable housing and services for America's 33 million seniors.

Protulis understands the crisis and the grave consequences of inaction and has never been afraid to tell elected officials that to control and reduce the number of seniors entering nursing homes prematurely, they need access to affordable senior housing.

He believes we cannot and must not place seniors into housing beyond their means, often forcing them to choose between eating and paying for other needs, such as medication or heating bills, and he and his organization are working on providing safe, secure and affordable housing for senior citizens all over the country.

Steve Protulis is an unsung American hero.

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