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## The CPI “Correction”— How It Affects You

(NAPSA)—A Social Security recipient with “average” benefits in 2000 will lose more than \$1,200 over the next five years due to changes made since 1992 in the way the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is calculated according to a TREA Senior Citizens League study. “No legislation protects Social Security beneficiaries from the long-term impact of these changes,” says George A. Smith, chairman of TSCL.



**The financial consequences of a series of changes to the Consumer Price Index are expected to hurt seniors.**

A more slowly growing CPI means lower Social Security and military retirement Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLAs).

“The changes cause an erosion of buying power in Social Security benefits at a time when many seniors’ expenses—like health insurance premiums and prescriptions drugs—are climbing at double digit rates. We encourage seniors to contact elected officials to question the CPI changes and to ask them to support a more fair COLA,” Smith adds.

For more information, send \$1 for shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. N10201, 909 N. Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314 or visit [www.tscl.org](http://www.tscl.org).