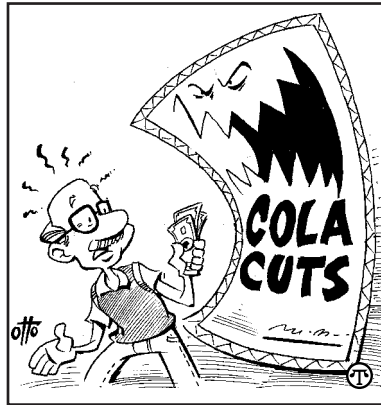


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Fair COLA Sought

(NAPSA)—Here's refreshing news about COLAs—the annual cost of living adjustments made in Social Security payments.



Legislation introduced by Representative Bernie Sanders (I-VT) may mean higher COLAs for American seniors. The legislation would use a senior “market basket” Consumer Price Index to determine the annual increase.

“This legislation is especially timely because the Bush Social Security Privatization Commission may recommend future COLA cuts to pay for private retirement accounts,” said Virginia Torsch, Director of Legislative Affairs for TREA Senior Citizens League.

Currently COLAs are determined by the change in prices of goods and services used by younger Americans who do not spend as much on health care as seniors, though health care costs have been growing by double digits.

Torsch urges all seniors to contact their representatives to ask him or her not only to reject COLA cuts, but to support “The Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act.”

TSCL is a national group of politically active seniors concerned about retirement benefits. Members participate in lobbying and public education campaigns to ensure governmental bodies live up to their commitments. For more information, send \$1.00 for shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. N10701, 909 N. Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314, or visit: www.tscl.org.