

Fwd: 2016 Budget Resolution

Good afternoon everyone!

NASCOE's legislative team has been working hard to follow the legislation that was proposing to reduce federal employee pensions/benefits. Hunter Moorhead, NASCOE's Legislative Consultant, just provided us with the following message that confirms that these reductions were not mentioned in the budget agreement. This is just another example of how NASCOE is working for you! Please make sure you share this information with all of your state's members and employees.

Thanks,
Donny

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From: **Hunter Moorhead**
Date: Wed, Apr 29, 2015 at 3:29 PM
Subject: RE: 2016 Budget Resolution

I have reviewed the conference report and can confirm that no direction is provided related to decreasing/cutting federal employee benefits. hunter

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Subject: 2016 Budget Resolution

Good afternoon – The House and Senate just released the budget agreement. As you all know, both House and Senate versions included proposals to increase federal employee pension contributions which would decrease take home pay/retirement benefits. (NARFE alert information is below for your review.) Based on our recent meetings, I expect the final agreement will not include legislative proposals or directives that negatively impact us. In other words, we should have avoided the proposed reductions. I will read the document this afternoon and report additional information. Hunter

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From: Hunter Moorhead
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 9:09 AM
Subject: RE: NARFE Legislative Hotline April 24, 2015

Good morning – We have worked the Budget Conferees regarding the federal pension issue. The budget agreement has been reached and will soon be available for viewing. The opposition has been strong and Members of Congress understand our concern. I will send information as soon as possible. hunter

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 8:47 AM

Subject: FW: NARFE Legislative Hotline April 24, 2015

Please distribute widely.

Thank you Phil!

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From: NARFE Legislative Department <leg@narfe.org>

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 10:55 PM

Subject: NARFE Legislative Hotline April 24, 2015

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NARFE Headquarters



April 24, 2015

Message From NARFE President Richard G. Thissen

"House and Senate conferees continue to negotiate a final congressional budget agreement that could ask for as much as \$318 billion in pay and benefit cuts from federal employees and retirees. I am asking every NARFE member, as well as every federal employee or retiree, and every concerned citizen who cares about the effectiveness of our government, to call their members of Congress and tell them to vote 'NO' on any agreement that

targets the federal workforce this way. More information is below. Make the call now!"

Call Congress: Joint Budget Agreement Vote Still Pending

Members of the budget conference committee are hoping to strike a deal and produce a joint budget resolution to be voted on next week. The budget conference committee is tasked with drafting the final fiscal year 2016 budget resolution that must pass both the House and Senate. Once the budget passes both chambers, it will be used as a guideline for the appropriations process, which will determine how funding is divided among federal agencies and programs.

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NARFE is continuing to ask all members to [call](#) their senators and representative to tell them to vote "No" on any joint budget resolution that includes cuts to federal employees' and retirees' pay and benefits. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to call in and what to say. NARFE's toll-free number, [1-866-220-0044](tel:1-866-220-0044), is available for members to use. NOW is the time to take action.

Public Service Recognition Week, May 3-9, 2015

The 30th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is May 3-9. Organized by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER), of which NARFE is a member, PSRW is a week set aside to honor military, federal, state, county and local government employees. This year's theme is "Government Works," which puts a spotlight on the accomplishments of the men and women who dedicate their lives to public service.

More information about PSRW and how to get involved can be found at the [PSRW webpage](#) on the NARFE website and at <http://publicservicerecognitionweek.org/>.

NARFE is encouraging its members to take the opportunity to convey the value of the work they did, or still do, as federal employees, and their personal pride in working for our nation by sending a letter to the editor

(LTE) to their local newspaper. Sample drafts and letter templates you can personalize can be found [here](#).

Let's take this opportunity to share with others the good work federal employees do to keep us safe and secure.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 9th

According to [Feeding America](#), hunger haunts 1 in 6 Americans, which is why NARFE again is pleased to support the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 9. In solidarity with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), we urge each NARFE member to plan now to collect and bag nonperishable food items and place the bag by your mailbox for your letter carrier on Saturday, May 9. The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is the nation's largest single-day drive with last year's drive collecting 72.5 million pounds of food. More details on the 23rd annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive are available [here](#).

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