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*IOLA NARFE MEETING, **MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, GREENERY-- 11:30AM***

PRESIDENT JOSEPH A BEAUDOIN HAS ISSUED ANOTHER ALERT "TO ALL NARFE MEMBERS". The Message Is Directed to NARFE Members, Spouses, All Federal Employees, including Postal Employee, Spouses and Federal Retirees. "Mark Wednesday February 15th on your Calendar. "A House-Senate Conference Committee facing a February 29th deadline will soon begin negotiations on "Extending the payroll tax Holiday" "The House passed position asks current and future federal employees to bear A third of the cost of extension through a further pay freeze and increased retirement contribution totaling \$64.5 "billion" over(10) ten years."

NARFE AND THE ENTIRE FEDERAL POSTAL COALITION ARE FIGHTING BACK. "Tell your Congressman the proposal is unfair. Save the date of Wednesday, February 15 and share this step by step plan with all NARFE chapter members, through newsletters and other communication channels.. "Any plan that pays for 1/3 of the payroll tax cut by taking money out of the pockets of fewer than 2% of America's middle class is unacceptable, unfair, & certainly not shared sacrifice."

NOTE: The message being referred to is to be used Wednesday, February 15th: **NARFE MEMBERS, INCLUDING SPOUSES, FEDERAL RETIRES, WORKING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES "including Postal Employees" ARE ASK TO CONDUCT NATIONAL CALL CONGRESS DAY ON FEBRUARY 15th**. If for some reason you cannot complete your call on "that day" please do it earlier, or a day or so after the 15th. **MAKE YOUR CALL, SO THAT YOUR COMMENTS ARE, RECORDED.** Lei. Your Voice be Heard if you want to protect your Retirement benefits. "CALLING PROCESS."

1. Call the Capitol Switchboard using NARFE's toll free number, 1-866-220-0044. Ask the operator to connect you to your representative's and/or Senator's office.
2. Tell the staff person who answers the telephone where you live, so they know you are a constituent then say--"I am a retired/active federal employee, member of NARFE or Survivor Annuitant. Tel^l the staff person a little about your work, or other appropriate comments.
3. Senators/Representatives represent thousands of federal workers and retirees and their survivors. "Any plan that pays for 1/3 of the payroll tax cut by taking money out of the pockets of fewer than 2% percent of America's middle class is unacceptable, unfair, & "not" a shared sacrifice..
5. "Federal workers, retirees and survivors have already did their part, by saving the federal government \$50 billion over two years. Making \$65 billion in further cuts to pay earned health and retirement benefits, or making changes to cost of living adjustments will unfairly single out those who protected our nation, including many now on a fixed incomes like "you". - - - - -

THE FEBRUARY NARFE MAGAZINE will contains must reading, coverage of the perils facing current and future retirees. The budget process, FECA and a NARFE PAC preview are Covered; Pages 20 and 21, are devoted to "Renewing, and Protecting America's Heartbeat".

*Share this information with other Federal Employees/Retirees who may not be aware of this legislation. which "Arbitrarily cuts federal jobs. "It is not a responsible solution to the National Debt, "President Joseph Beaudoin of NARFE said, when he released the following statement . "Slashing 1 (one) in 10(ten)federal jobs from the federal workforce in the next three (3) three years is not the answer."

Is it because the current federal workforce is bloated? Hardly, in the last 20 years we have lost 200,000 federal employees. In fact our nation employs virtually the same number of federal workers today as we did under President Truman even though our population has nearly doubled.

Is it because someone in the private sector can do these jobs for less money? Not according to a new study by the "Project on Government Oversight," discovered the U. S. government already pays billions more annually in taxpayer dollars to hire contractors than it would to hire federal employees to perform the same services.(Limiting federal jobs will lead to paying more contractors and cost taxpayer more money).

"If Congress thinks the federal government should reduce spending by discontinuing a specific program or policy, it should vote to discontinue the program or policy. But it must not arbitrarily reduce the entire workforce and call it a solution. This approach threatens the services and security that our federal workers provides Americans in every state. We must not allow this irresponsible bill to progress any further than it already has to become law.

During a hurricane, National Weather Service would never send out a memo telling 1 in 10 Meteorologists to go home. If America's spinach supply is contaminated; US Dept of Agriculture. would not ask 1 in 10 employees to turn in their badges. Tell one in 10 Federal Security Officers Scheduled for duty to take the night off. Border Patrol agents, send one in 10 of them home and tell them they can sit this one out. Why is the Chairman proposing that our nation arbitrarily lose 1 in 10 of our federal workers who perform these vital jobs every day? --(Why did a majority of the members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform support his plan that singles out federal workers in the collective struggle to lower the national debt?? (NOTE : For more details go to the NARFE Web Site, of November 3, 2011.." If you do not have access to this information, ask a NARFE member who has a computer and has access to the web site to lend you a hand in securing this information. Tomorrow is not to soon to update yourself on what "your Congressman or someone else's Congressman" is doing to you; or for you.???)

ALZHEIMER; Joan has announced she will no longer collect the "Best Choice Labels". The time involved to count the labels, package in groups of 1,000 "one thousand". Special packaging, "A special Return Receipt" so that the mailing is acknowledged when it reaches it destination and has been accepted.. "She suggests that each NARFE member write a check to help the chapter meet its goal. The goal is \$.55 per NARFE Chapter Member. Checks should be make payable to "NARFE Alzheimer Research". If each NARFE Chapter member would write a check for that amount, or more if you desire, the Iola Chapter could meet its goal in no time, and not continue to, ask for Alzheimer funds at every monthly meeting from just those who attend chapter meetings. Transmittal will be prepared by the chapter Alzheimer chaiman and submitted on a regular basis.

**KANSAS NARFE CONVENTION; Ramada Inn,1616 West Crawford, Salina, Kansas. Starts Sunday, April 22 11 AM (Note new time for starting) Come and Learn more about NARFE