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### **ADVOCACY UPDATE**

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**Congress and President Obama...** 





Federal Appropriations and Budget Developments.



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### 2015 PRIORITIES

### FEDERAL ADVOCACY



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#### PRIORITY ISSUES INCLUDE:

- SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST RULE
- □ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ CAREGIVING
- OLDER AMERICANS ACT



# SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE - PROTECTING DISABLED WORKERS

- □ 70% of SSDI recipients are age 50 and older
- Congress must provide more funding for SSDI before 2017
- □ SSDI beneficiaries will face a 19% cut in benefits

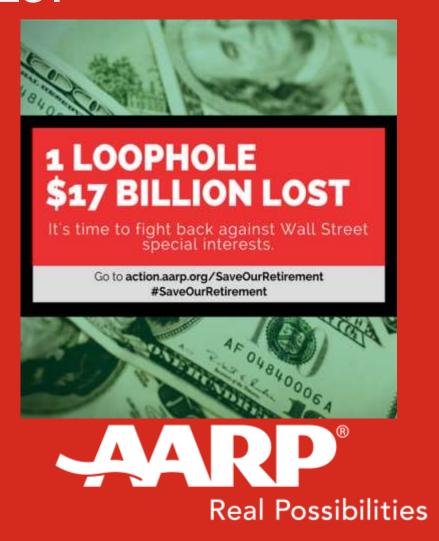




### FINANCIAL ADVISORS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST



Holding advisors to one standard, putting clients' interest FIRST, and eliminating conflicts of interest...



### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

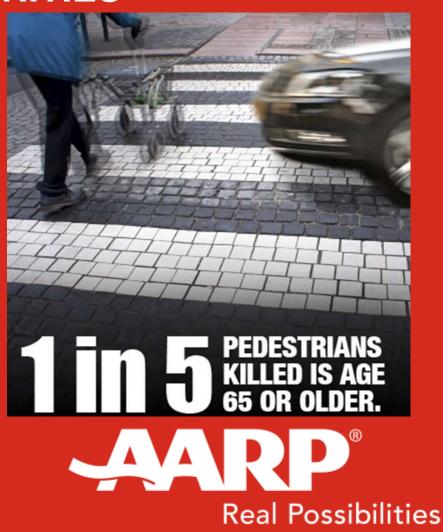


- □ 20% of all pedestrian fatalities are seniors;
- □ 20% of people 65 years old and older do not drive; and
- □ Research has found that pedestrian accidents can be more deadly than natural disasters.



### SAFE STREETS - LIVING SAFELY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Our Safe Streets bill promotes well-designed sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and other features that will significantly reduce injuries, deaths, and automobile crashes...



# PRESERVING SERVICES FOR OLDER AMERICANS – THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

- National Eldercare Locator Service a toll free hotline for identifying community resources;
- □ Support Services to promote independence with regard to transportation, home care, legal aid, case management, and adult day care;
- □ Nutrition Programs including Meals on Wheels;
- National Family Caregiver Support Program;
- Health Promotion providing educational services, counseling and consultation;
- □ Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- □ The Community Service Senior Opportunities Act which works with the Department of Labor to provide employment opportunities for seniors;
- ☐ The Long-term Care Ombudsman Program; and
- ☐ Elder Abuse, neglect, and exploitation public education services.





### CAREGIVING



- 2013 40 million caregivers provided 37 billion hours of care to an adult with Limitations in daily activities.
- Estimated economic value of their unpaid Contributions was approximately \$470 billion.



#### **AARP'S FEDERAL CAREGIVING ACTIVITIES**







What can you do on behalf of AARP when you visit the Hill tomorrow?





Questions?

