

1 **A Resolution Endorsing**
2 **Rep. Alan Grayson's Seniors Deserve a Raise Act**
3 **and Sen. Elizabeth Warren's SAVE Benefits Act**
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5 **WHEREAS** there are multiple measures of inflation;
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7 **WHEREAS** the CPI-E was designed to track inflation for seniors, while the CPI-W
8 tracks inflation for clerical workers;
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10 **WHEREAS** monthly payments from the Social Security earned benefits program are
11 insufficient for many recipients;
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13 **WHEREAS** a significant portion of this shortfall for seniors is the result of COLAs (cost
14 of living adjustments) being calculated from the CPI-W instead of the CPI-E;
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16 **WHEREAS** the cumulative difference over the last 40 years between these two
17 measures of inflation is 2.9%;
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19 **WHEREAS** Rep. Alan Grayson has introduced H.R. 3761, the Seniors Deserve a Raise
20 Act, to increase benefits by 2.9% and change the calculation for future COLAs to use the
21 CPI-E;
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23 **WHEREAS** Sen. Elizabeth Warren has introduced S. 2251, the SAVE Benefits Act, to
24 provide a one-time additional payment to beneficiaries of Social Security and other
25 earned benefits programs;
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27 **WHEREAS** Sen. Patty Murray and Sen. Maria Cantwell have both cosponsored S. 2251,
28 but only Rep. Rick Larsen has cosponsored H.R. 3761;
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30 **WHEREAS** both S. 2251 and H.R. 3761 represent progress on the problem of insufficient
31 payments in earned benefits programs; and
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33 **WHEREAS** working people with money to spend are the real job creators;
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35 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
36 Committee endorses H.R. 3761 and S. 2251, thanks Rep. Rick Larsen for cosponsoring,
37 calls on our other representatives in the House to cosponsor H.R. 3761, and thanks our
38 Senators for cosponsoring S. 2251;
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40 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be
41 transmitted to the offices of the Washington State Congressional delegation;
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43 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all Legislative District and County
44 Democratic Parties in Washington be encouraged to pass resolutions analogous to this
45 one; and

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47 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all PCOs and other party volunteers
48 be encouraged to campaign on this issue for the dual purpose of increasing pressure on
49 Congress to pass H.R. 3761 and S. 2251 and increasing public support for candidates
50 who support these bills and other improvements to Social Security earned benefits.

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53 Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 1/15/2015)

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55 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended that it be
56 "PASSED" at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.

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58 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.