



## Association of Ameritech /SBC Retirees, Inc

Proudly representing retirees of the AT&T Midwest Region, SBC Midwest Region, Ameritech, and predecessor/successor Bell Companies of the New AT&T, located throughout the United States

### Legislative Ledger

#### November 20, 2007 – AASBCR/NLRN REQUEST FOR CD LEADERS

This Legislative Ledger is primarily directed to AASBCR members who have indicated they know how important it is to make sure our elected representatives hear from us about important retiree issues such as healthcare and pensions. This coming year, with the elections on the horizon, will be a pivotal year in Congress. We need our elected representatives and those challenging them this coming year, to hear from us via our National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) CapWiz communications system. This is the system that 1) alerts us by e-mail when an issue that could impact retirees is before Congress and 2) helps us direct our individual e-mail messages stating our opinions and the position that we want our representative and senators to take on the issue.

A congressman will only listen to constituents that live in his/her district. So, we need to know we have people in place in each and every district across the nation. People we can count on to take an active role in writing their congressman about each issue that is important to AASBCR membership. In order to accomplish this, the NRLN and AASBCR are looking for retirees who are willing to be designated **Congressional District (CD) Leaders**. In particular, there is need for CD leaders in the following districts:

Indiana - #4, #6, #7, #8 and #9

Ohio - #1, #4, #5, #6, #9, #10 and #11.

Michigan - #3, #5, #6 and #7.

Wisconsin – All Districts (1-8)

It isn't difficult. **Generally the responsibilities include:**

A. **Prime responsibility** - send e-mails to your representative and senators.

If you have the time:

B. Contact the local offices of your congressman and express your views on issues that impact us. Make personal contact with them.

C. Attend the "town hall" meetings that your congressman might hold.

D. Encourage other retirees in your congressional district to sign onto CapWiz and to contact legislators.

If you can spare the time to do this important work and serve as a CD Leader, Please contact Raymond F. Sternot, AASBCR VP - Legislation, by sending an e-mail message to [vplegis@aasbcr.org](mailto:vplegis@aasbcr.org) or by calling him at (440) 352-7218. Ray has met with his congressman and had discussions with his staff on several items. He attests that it isn't difficult and we all know that it is very important.