



## **Association of Ameritech /SBC Retirees, Inc<sup>SM</sup>**

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# **Legislative Ledger**

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## **NRLN 2009 Major Initiatives – Special Appeal for Funds**

**At the January National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN) Conference, as reported to you in the [Legislative Ledger dated January 23, 2009](#), the members of the NRLN Board of Directors approved the 2009 NRLN Legislative Agenda. The complete document, as approved, can be viewed at:**

**<http://www.nrln.org/NRLN%202009%20Legislative%20Agenda.pdf>**

**The NRLN will use this document as a guideline of desired actions that we want Congress to take. Of all the items, there are three high priority items which have been identified as requiring immediate action. They are:**

- 1.) Protection of Defined Pension Plan Assets from Use in Corporate Restructuring and Limit the Management of These Assets by High Risk third Parties**
- 2.) Maintenance of [Benefit] Cost Payment**
- 3.) Medicare Reform – Inclusion of Catastrophic Coverage**

**The NRLN is seeking additional funding support to advance the work efforts on these three high priority items. The Lucent Retiree Organization (LRO) has begun the process by donating \$14,000.00.**

**This work effort will include bill research, white paper development, meetings with potential bill sponsors on Capitol Hill, and, if Congress fails to write a bill, the creation of a draft bill for yet to be identified, sponsoring legislators.**



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The bottom line is that neither can this work be done for free nor can it be done inexpensively. Drafts of bills, proposals and white papers, are often created as a straw man proposal then further developed by lobbyists, corporations, and/or special interest organizations. Once a viable bill is edited and socialized and edited several more times it is then presented to legislative sponsors (Congressmen and Senators) for introduction.

AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> is asking you to support this work effort to advance these three priority items by providing a special contribution to AASBCR<sup>SM</sup>. Please write a check made payable to AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> – NRLN Special Appeal and put “NRLN Special Appeal” on the memo line.

AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> thinks this is very important to the success of making some of the NRLN proposed changes into law.

Thank you in advance for your support.

If you can help...

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