

**Dear AT&T Ameritech / SBC Retirees:**

As a member of AASBCR® you are a contributing member of the NRLN. As the President of your retiree group, AASBCR®, I am asking that you contribute additional financial support for the NRLN. Retirees must have a strong voice in Washington, DC to turn the tide on the harm being done to retirees by companies, courts, regulators and Congress. Your contribution will further empower the NRLN to be our strong advocate for retirees in Washington, DC. The NRLN does detailed studies, creates proposals and lobbies for passage of legislation.

The NRLN reacts to potential threats to our benefits by opposing or proposing countermeasures to defeat those threats like the threatened dilution or elimination of our Social Security and Medicare benefits. The NRLN also lobbies for legislation to protect our retirement security in many ways (see the entire [NRLN Legislative Agenda](http://www.aasbcr.org) at [www.aasbcr.org](http://www.aasbcr.org)). Some of the key NRLN efforts requiring additional funding are:

**Pension Asset Protection (PAP):** The NRLN advocates legislation to stop corporations from using pension plan assets to pay for non-pension expenses. **PBGC Reform:** The NRLN advocates that the Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation be required to ensure equitable calculations of benefit payments earned by retirees. **Bankruptcy Reform:** The NRLN advocates reforms to corporate bankruptcy laws to place retirees' pensions and benefits on a list of obligations that companies can't shed in the bankruptcy court. **Protect Retirees in Mergers & Acquisitions:** The NRLN advocates legislation to require all U.S.-based assets under control of foreign owners be subject to seizure to satisfy ERISA funding obligations and require pension plan fiduciaries to be American citizens and subject to U.S. laws and courts.

**Maintenance of Cost Protection (MCP):** The NRLN advocates establishing a fixed monthly employer payment to retirees equivalent to the value of the benefits an employer provided prior to the reduction or cancellation of retirement health care, prescription drugs, life insurance, long-term care and other benefits. **Reduce Cost of Prescription Drugs:** The NRLN is lobbying for the passage of three Senate bills that would (1) S.319 - Enable re-importation and importation of safe prescription drugs approved by the FDA; (2) S.44 - Enable Medicare to develop formularies and take competitive bids for prescription drugs; (3) S.27 - Prevent drug companies from colluding to control pricing or subvert free markets. It is also lobbying to increase funding of the FDA to reduce the generic drug approval backlog. **Medicare Buy-In for Ages 55 - 64:** The NRLN advocates that people age 55 - 64 be allowed to buy Medicare coverage at a cost that does not burden the Medicare system. **Medicare Catastrophic Coverage:** The NRLN advocates that Congress extend protection against catastrophic medical costs to the Medicare eligible population by setting a reasonable maximum limits on out-of-pocket costs.

You can help advance the NRLN Legislative Agenda by contacting your members of Congress when an Action Alert is issued and by asking your non-AASBCR® member friends to sign-up at <http://capwiz.com/abtr/mlm/signup/> to receive NRLN emails like you receive. You can also donate \$25, \$50, \$75 or any amount you are able to contribute. Make your check or money order payable to **NRLN, Inc.** and mail it with the Contribution Form below to P.O. Box 18757, Washington, D.C. 20036-8757 Or, you may contribute online by clicking [HERE](#) and using your credit card. If you have already made a 2011 contribution to the NRLN, thank you!

Sincerely,



Carole Lovell, AASBCR President



Bill Kadereit, NRLN President

**NRLN MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION**

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