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Dear: *Your Name*

With everyone's finances being where they are these days, I know it might seem like a tough time to consider a contribution to NARFE-PAC. The problem is federal workers and retirees may soon see their benefits in the crosshairs of a targeted effort to get the government's "fiscal house in order."

Not too many years ago, OMB Director David Stockman predicted \$200 billion deficits "as far as the eye can see" and budget cutting took its toll. Now, an unprecedented \$1.4 trillion budget deficit and \$13 trillion national debt threaten to undermine everything we've worked for.

Just read what Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma said to the Senate last July: **"If you think it [your Federal pension] is guaranteed, you have another thought coming because the world economic system is going to determine whether we can honor that pension. That is what is coming. We are very close."** Senator Coburn is not alone.

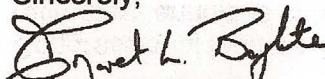
Congressional leaders John Boehner of Ohio and Eric Cantor of Virginia suggested recently that the retirement annuities of federal workers should be reduced and that feds should have to work longer to receive a full annuity.

We know times are tough and patriotic federal workers and annuitants want to do their part, but not if it means they are singled out for budget cuts while others are not asked to make similar sacrifices.

But there are also opportunities in adversity. In 2009, your efforts resulted in several legislative accomplishments. A proposal in the House of Representatives to cut federal retirement and health benefits by \$10 billion was defeated; all federal retirees, including those not eligible for Social Security, have received, or will receive, either a \$250 payment or a tax credit; and agencies can directly hire retirees who want to return to work without losing either their annuity or salary; just to name a few.

None of this happened by accident. NARFE-PAC has enabled our friends to serve in Congress and protect our benefits and even more money in our pockets. However, the fight to hold on to what we've earned will become increasingly difficult. None of us can tackle this challenge on our own, but our collective efforts makes NARFE-PAC one powerful political force. A contribution of \$20 or more will entitle you to a handsome NARFE-PAC 2009-2010 lapel pin if you check the box on the enclosed coupon. Every dollar makes a difference. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,


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