

'Notch Victims' one step closer to realizing some relief...finally!

In his letter to me and other 'Notch Victims,' Chairman George A. Smith, TREA Senior Citizens League, an affiliate of The Retired Enlisted Association, explains: "If You were born from 1917 through 1926 your Social Security checks are up to \$3,300 a year lower than other seniors — and you may be eligible for a \$5,000 Settlement."

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Guest Commentary

tance for what I've been cheated out of. So, you can see why I've had the screaming meanies! Thirteen years ago both AARP and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare supported 'Notch Reform,' but later decided to direct their resources into just 'saving' Social Security and Medicare because they saw the recklessness of the Federal budget.

Over 13 years I figure \$780 was spent to help sustain TREA and in helping to get 'Notch Victim Reform.'

I think that in itself that \$780 should be retroactively tax deductible, plus interest on it and interest on the restored unpaid part of Social Security payments. A \$5,000 settlement is cheap!

The following is information that will be of interest to 'Notch Victims' that I am copying from Chairman Smith's letter:

Dear Friend, If you were born between the dates above and receive Social Se-

curity, you are a Social Security 'Notch Victim' receiving LOWER monthly benefits than OTHER recipients.

Because of this, you may be entitled to compensation of \$5,000 if Congress approves legislation currently before both the House and Senate.

You are therefore requested to add your name to our Notch Victim Register, the nationwide listing of 'Notch Victims' who want to be kept up to date on the Bill's progress.

Notch Victims Are Making Rapid Progress.

The Senate Minority Whip is leading the campaign for passage of the \$5,000 Social Security Notch Settlement in the United States Senate.

This is an important breakthrough for Notch Victims who now

have one of the most influential and respected Members of Congress playing a leadership role in this campaign.

And, the Bill's leading House sponsor and author, Representative Ralph Hall, has told us the improved economy means there is an excellent chance for passage of the Settlement this year.

Which is why I'm urging you to sign the attached \$5,000 Settlement Petition and return it to me.

In the last few months my staff and I have worked closely with dozens of Members of Congress. Many are strong supporters of the Settlement — some have even told us about their family members who are Notch victims.

84 House members have now formally signed on as official co-sponsors of the Settlement.

Noted economist Dr. John Haldi added new momentum to the campaign for Notch Reform when he recommended that Congress quickly remedy the situation. In his study, Dr. Haldi reported that Notch babies receive fewer benefits than

problems with the formulas created in the 1977 Social Security legislation.

We believe Congress should fix what it errantly created when it passed the 1977 legislation.

If the \$5,000 Settlement seems fair to you and you agree Congress should act now and pass it into law, I urge you to sign the enclosed petition form.

Then, use the enclosed envelope to send your petition and nationwide Notch Register Form back to me.

The Register is a listing of over 3.5 Million Notch Victims who want to be 'on the record' in support of Reform.

Our legislative staff is using the Register to show individual Members of Congress, their staff, and government officials exactly how many of the Members' constituents support the \$5,000 Lump-Sum Settlement, and that Notch Victims want action NOW! We will be personally visiting Members of Congress during the coming weeks to urge quick action.

Your signed petition will help me

prove that constituents like you want prompt passage of the Bill.

If Congress approves the Settlement and this Legislation passes, you will be given a choice between two Settlement methods.

If you CHOOSE the \$5,000 compensation plan, you will receive four annual installments of \$1,250 if the Bill passes Congress and is signed into public law.

If you DO NOT CHOOSE the Settlement, your monthly Social Security benefit checks will automatically increase using a formula outlined in the Bill.

The exact amount of your monthly increase will be determined by your age, work history, and other factors.

Widows and widowers who receive benefits on the account of Notch Victims may be eligible for up to 100 percent of the Settlement that would have been awarded their spouse.

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And God said... GOD was sitting in heaven one day when a scientist said to Him, "God, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning."

Doonesbury

Gary Trudeau



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