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Non-lobbyists Show Secret Supercommittee Could Make Cuts to Over \$621 Billion in Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid in Their States

(**Washington, DC**) – As lobbyists in Washington converge on the Super Committee, local advocates in states represented by the 12-member “Super Committee” today released new reports detailing the projected fall-out resulting from the committee’s proposed cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Information on the new reports was discussed at press conferences throughout the nation and in Washington where the Supercommittee met publicly for the first time in a month. In the eleven Super Committee states represented, 20.3 million Americans receive Social Security, 18.5 million Americans receive Medicare, and 21.4 million Americans receive Medicaid.

Money Injected in to Super Committee Members’ States Economies By Programs

Social Security in Super Committee States

Medicare in Super Committee States

Medicaid in Super Committee States

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Total Spent: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid in Super Committee States

\$267.3 Billion

\$206.1 Billion

\$147.5 Billion

\$620.9 Billion

“You can see she would have no housing, day activities, medical, dental or prescription coverage without Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security,” said **Tom Taranto and Diane McCormack of Dorchester, MA**, with regard to their daughter Christina who was born with severe disabilities.

“Too often political and media elites talk about these programs as just cold, unfeeling facts and figures, as if they are divorced from the people whose lives they touch,” said **Eric Kingson, co-director of Social Security Works**

. “Too often, the programs are talked about as ‘problems’ when in fact they really are ‘solutions’ – solutions that provide benefits that have been earned through the hard work of Americans.”

The so-called Congressional “Super Committee” is just 30 days from its deadline. As lobbyists attempt to save tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires, the new reports reveal a possible economic crisis for many Americans should the committee vote to cut benefits. The full reports are available at <http://www.strengthensocialsecurity.org/super-committee/>.

“The American people oppose any cuts to Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. Our elected

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officials need to know that if they ignore this message, they do so at their own peril," said **Ed Coyle the Executive Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans**

. "This fall, as the Super Committee completes its work, the Alliance for Retired Americans will continue to educate and mobilize seniors and people of all ages on the need to strengthen – not cut – Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid."

Opinion poll after opinion poll show that the vast majority of Americans want no cuts to Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid.

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