**VICE PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT**

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My duties as Vice President and Legislative chair seem to be one and the same. To get the legislation passed that eliminates Windfall Elimination and Government Offset programs, many, many hours were spent in contacting representatives and senators, NARFE representatives, NASCOE, AFGE, and others that were involved for the past 40 years. It was a huge accomplishment for all parties. We were successful. Many of you are reaping the benefits now. I want to thank each and every one of you who made some contribution. It takes a large community to move those mountains.

And now RASCOE will be moving on to retain the benefits we have that are “under fire” in the 2026 budget reconciliation, H.Con.Res14. There is more information in my legislative report.

Working with RASCOE has certainly made my retirement interesting. I have always been interested in the legislative workings of our government. It is rewarding when we are successful. I do want to thank Becky Zirpel along with Micki, Cindy, Chuck, Shelly and area directors who have made me appreciate the real value of RASCOE membership and involvement. I encourage all retirees to be members of this organization. All of us have spent years working as civil servants and it is time we enjoy the fruits of those efforts.

Thank you for supporting me as your Vice President the past 2 years and I look forward to working with you in the future. Hopefully, I will get to speak with more of you on the phone or in person.