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Seniors Intensify on Final Lap of Rx Campaign United Seniors Association Champions Bipartisan Solution on Health Freedom

Fairfax, Virginia: The final push for passage of a bipartisan solution creating the first Medicare prescription drug benefit was announced by United Seniors Association (USA) President and Chief Executive Charles W. Jarvis. The intensive national grassroots campaign focuses on Congress.

The United Seniors Association grassroots campaign includes television ads covering 36 states and addressing 58 members of the House of Representatives and 15 Senate members, as well as meetings, mailings and grassroots events. This effort could be the culmination of years of grassroots action by USA and its members. It is the latest stage of United Seniors' four-year grassroots campaign to pass a prescription drug benefit under Medicare.

"A bi-partisan solution is the answer on a Medicare prescription drug benefit," said USA Chief Executive Charlie Jarvis. "We commend the Senate and House Conferees on their historic step to benefit every Senior in America. Partisan politics and rhetoric-without-results on prescription drugs are simply unacceptable. Years of hard work by many in Congress and years of heartache for America's Seniors have led us to this point. The whole Senior world is watching and Congress must not collapse so near the finish line."

Jarvis continued, "President Bush, a number of Democrats and the Congressional Republican leadership have chosen the political road less traveled and it will make all the difference for every Senior in America. We are only a few steps away from success on a prescription benefit. A reasonable bipartisan approach to prescription drugs attracts the most support in Congress and we are pleased AARP has just embraced the bipartisan, results-not-rhetoric approach United Seniors has championed for years."

"Rhetoric won't buy medicine at the pharmacy," said Mr. Jarvis. "Seniors absolutely detest endless, bitter, divisive wrangling. Thirty-eight years is long enough to wait for a prescription solution. This is a mainstream solution and it would be a tragedy if we let this opportunity slip away or become a victim of partisan or election politics."

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United Seniors Association (USA) is the non-partisan 1.5 million-plus nationwide grassroots network Uniting the Generations for America's Future™. United Seniors Association's staff and member's nationwide work together to expand retirement and investment freedom, economic freedom, and health freedom for Senior Americans, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The organization's National Chairman is the renowned celebrity, author, and businessman Art Linkletter. Charles W. Jarvis serves as Chairman and Chief Executive.

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