

TODAY'S MUST READS – JANUARY 29, 2012

## RECENT ALLIANCE MENTIONS

### OHIO-BASED RESEARCH CONFIRMS THAT MEDICAID EXPANSION IS A WIN-WIN FOR OHIO

The Cincinnati Herald  
January 26, 2013

Statement by the Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage, a nonpartisan coalition uniting the diverse consumer voice with the goal of achieving affordable, high quality health care for all. Their membership includes the Alliance for Retired Americans in Ohio.

[http://www.thecincinnatiherald.com/news/2013-01-26/News/Ohiobased\\_research\\_confirms\\_that\\_medicaid\\_expansio.html](http://www.thecincinnatiherald.com/news/2013-01-26/News/Ohiobased_research_confirms_that_medicaid_expansio.html)

### TONY FRANSETTA: NO MORE TRAUMA DRAMA

Tallahassee Democrat  
January 25, 2013

In an op-ed, Florida Alliance President Tony Fransetta reacts to news that state hospitals are trying to prevent more trauma centers.

<http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20130126/OPINION05/301260012/Tony-Fransetta-No-more-trauma-drama>

### OUR SOCIAL SECURITY DESERVES PROTECTION BEFORE PRIVATIZATION

The Arizona Republic  
January 21, 2013

Arizona Alliance President Doug Hart writes an op-ed opposing the privatization of Social Security.

<http://www.azcentral.com/opinions/articles/20130118hart-our-social-security-deserves-protection-before-privatization.html>

### BALBAN/LOCHHEAD: CUTTING SOCIAL SECURITY NO WAY TO LOWER DEFICIT

Nashua Telegraph  
January 20, 2013

In an op-ed, Charlie Balban, President of the New Hampshire Alliance for Retired Americans, and Terry Lochhead, senior organizer for the Alliance for Retired Americans, voice their opinion on cutting Social Security.

<http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/opinion/commentary/990878-474/balbanlochhead-cutting-social-security-no-way-to.html>

## PENNSYLVANIA SENIORS WHO RELY ON THE LOTTERY FOR EVERYDAY NEEDS DESERVE A BETTER DEAL

The Philadelphia Sunday Sun

January 20, 2013

Statement from Jean Friday, President of the Pennsylvania Alliance for Retired Americans, expressing outrage at the Pennsylvania Governor's decision to privatize the state lottery.

<http://www.philasun.com/news/3821/26/Governor-Corbett-approves-bid-to-privatize-lottery-sharing-profits-with-an-overseas-firm.html>

## MEDICARE

### POLL: 58% OPPOSE MEDICARE CUTS

By Jennifer Haberkorn

Politico

January 25, 2013

Fifty-eight percent of those surveyed oppose any spending cuts to Medicare and 46 percent oppose any cuts in Medicaid, according to a poll released by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/poll-58-percent-oppose-medicare-cuts-86703.html>

## POLITICS

### IOWA SENATE RACE LEANS DEMOCRATIC

By Shira Toeplitz

Roll Call

January 28, 2013

Sen. Tom Harkin's retirement makes the Iowa Senate seat more competitive by virtue of the six-

term Democrat's departure. Couple that with the Hawkeye State's competitive nature, and this race could be one of the most targeted of the 2014 cycle. Accordingly, *CQ Roll Call* now characterizes the Iowa Senate race as Leans Democratic, after previously rating the contest as Likely Democratic.

<http://atr.rollcall.com/iowa-senate-race-now-leans-democratic/>

## DEMOCRATS, TEA PARTY UNITE VS. MITCH MCCONNELL

By Manu Raju

Politico

January 28, 2013

Tea party activists looking to oust Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in a GOP primary may get some help from an unlikely source: Democrats.

[http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/democrats-tea-party-unite-to-defeat-mitch-mcconnell-86787.html?ml=po\\_r](http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/democrats-tea-party-unite-to-defeat-mitch-mcconnell-86787.html?ml=po_r)

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

### BIOTECH FIRMS, BILLIONS AT RISK, LOBBY STATES TO LIMIT GENERICS

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times

January 28, 2013

In statehouses around the country, some of the nation's biggest biotechnology companies are lobbying intensively to limit generic competition to their blockbuster drugs, potentially cutting into the billions of dollars in savings on drug costs contemplated in the federal health care overhaul law.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/29/business/battle-in-states-on-generic-copies-of-biotech-drugs.html?ref=todayspaper&r=0>

## TRANSPORTATION

### SENIOR CITIZENS DRIVE INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING

By Kathryn Smith

Politico

January 28, 2013

Seniors' mobility plays an underappreciated role in health and well-being — and mayors and state officials are beginning to make it part of how they think about infrastructure spending. They are making the case that planning and building ahead for the rapidly aging population should be a big consideration as they divvy up their state budgets.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/senior-citizens-drive-infrastructure-spending-86780.html?hp=r17>