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National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

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Mr./Ms. (NAME),

Our thanks for joining NARFE! As you probably know, NARFE is the only organization representing active and retired federal employees. Benefits are provided to NARFE members through their chapter, the Arkansas state Federation of NARFE and the national office located in Alexandria Virginia. If you have any questions about your NARFE benefits or your federal benefits, please feel free to contact me.

We hope you will join us at one of our chapter meetings. If you are available to come to meetings, please do so. Meetings provide information that is in addition to the NARFE magazine which is part of your membership. A state website is available at [www.narfeark.org](http://www.narfeark.org) and a national website at [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org). You will also receive the state newsletter to keep you informed.

Recent activity in NARFE kept the Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan (FEHBP) from being denied to federal workers and retirees during the Health Care Reform process. In addition, NARFE also helped in defeating an amendment to the health care bill which would have increased the risk pool for the FEHBP and which could potentially increase premiums for you and others. NARFE is an active “watchdog” for your federal benefits such as health insurance and is constantly on the alert for potential changes effecting active federal employees and retirees and provides testimony to the various congressional committees in representing all of us.

During August 2009, members of the U.S. Senate and Congress in Arkansas were contacted in person, to present NARFE’s position on health care and to represent the active and retired federal employees in affirming that federal workers and retirees do not wish any changes to take place in their health care system or benefits.

At the state level, NARFE is working on a bill in the Arkansas Legislature to reduce state income tax liability on federal retirement. A presentation was made in September 2009 to the Joint Revenue and Taxation Committee, introducing this bill. Further work will continue on this initiative.

With the support of members such as you, through your membership, NARFE has a strong voice at the federal and state levels on your behalf.

Look upon NARFE as insurance for your federal benefits. Generally, we all purchase insurance for our homes and vehicles to protect ourselves against those types of losses. Through the years, NARFE has continued to protect the benefits of both active and retired federal employees, just as an insurance company protects your house and vehicles. NARFE has been successful in

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protecting federal benefits and will continue to do so. Your support and the support of all members is needed to support NARFE's lobbying and other political efforts.

To keep your membership in NARFE current, you may choose to have your membership dues taken out of your retirement income.

Please consult the state website at [www.narfeark.org](http://www.narfeark.org) for contact information and to view the meeting dates and times of chapters in Arkansas. We are thankful that you are now a member of NARFE and hope to see you at a chapter meeting.

Sincerely,

(NAME)

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