House Ways and Means Committee Continues AARP Investigation

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The House Ways and Means Committee is continuing its investigation of AARP, questioning both the organization's statements to the Committee and whether AARP should retain its non-profit status, in light of its failure to support seniors' best interests. The initial report shows that AARP is making so much money from insurance sales that the Committee questions their ability to really serve its members.

The recent revelations via internal AARP emails show that AARP supported the healthcare law while acknowledging that the law is detrimental to its members, who are against the law 14 to 1.1

According to AARP's 2011 financial statements, the organization earned \$700 million in royalties for allowing other companies to use its logo to sell insurance. In 2009, the government reports that AARP made over \$427 million in profits from its Medigap insurance products sales – in addition to its royalties for logo usage.

Marilyn Moon, former Director of AARP's Public Policy Institute, says, "The new arrangements with insurance companies create a tremendous number of potential conflicts for AARP..." Rightly so, as the government report concludes that with the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, AARP will sell an additional \$1.1-\$3.4 billion each year in Medigap insurance.²

AARP has consistently claimed to be an organization dedicated to

bettering the lives of its members, but their public statements in support of seniors seem to be in direct conflict with their revealing internal emails.

As a result of AARP's betrayal of members' interests for the sake of increasing profits, a new 50+ organization, has emerged: Generation America.

Generation America was established in 2009 to truly serve the best interests of seniors. It proudly supports traditional American values, speaking out in Washington for improved seniors' safety, financial security and protection of their personal liberties. Recognizing how AARP's support of the new healthcare law hurts seniors, Generation America is actively calling for the repeal of the law. The organization is dedicated to the founding principles of this country and the Constitution. Included in their traditional stance is the belief that it is unconstitutional for the government to control healthcare in America.

Generation America says its rapid growth is a testament to the real services it provides to seniors. The responses from members are evidence of the group's dedication to helping members save money and preserving the rights they have earned, while striving to protect senior safety, security and well being.

For more information on membership and the benefits Generation America offers its members, please visit www.GAhouse.org or call XXX XXX-XXXX.

¹ http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/aarp_letter_final_6-25-12.pdf

² http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/aarp_report_final_pdf_3_29_11.pdf