

PENSION RIGHTS CENTER

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At a press conference earlier today, the [Pension Rights Center](#) and our [Retirement USA](#) partners revealed the **Retirement Income Deficit**, a new measure of the growing gap between what people will need for retirement and what they actually have. Using conservative assumptions, the [Retirement Income Deficit](#) is currently estimated at an astounding **\$6.6 trillion**.

The press conference marked the start of Retirement USA's "[Wake Up, Washington! Month](#)", which will run through October 15. We are inviting visitors to the newly redesigned [Retirement USA website](#) to deposit stories about their retirement security concerns in an online [Story Bank](#), respond to weekly polls, read [daily statistics](#), and sign a [petition](#) urging lawmakers not to cut Social Security but to instead focus on the real problem – the failings of the country's patchwork private retirement income system.

The [Pension Rights Center](#), the other conveners of Retirement USA – [AFL-CIO](#), [Economic Policy Institute](#), [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare](#), and [Service Employees International Union](#) – and many other organizations will be joining in this important public education effort through blogging and other social media activities.

We hope you will check out the new website, www.retirement-usa.org. We think you'll like it!