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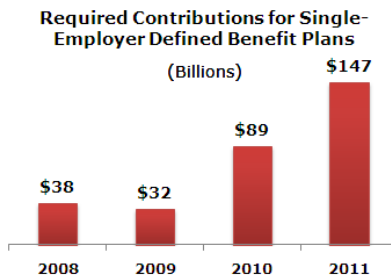
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## ValuPAC Issue Updates

### Pension Relief a Priority for Business

The unprecedented economic downturn in our nation has taken a significant toll on pension funds. Due to unanticipated deficits, contribution obligations for businesses in both single (company) and multiemployer (union) pension plans could be double than what was paid in 2008. This



Source: Watson Wyatt, 2009

comes at a challenging time for businesses when profits are low and cash is not readily available.

SUPERVALU is seeking much needed pension relief for both our single and multiemployer pension plans, along with other companies and labor unions. Relief will allow time for plans to recover and for, in some cases, companies to survive. Without relief, companies could be forced to make difficult choices that could include significant cuts to their workforce.

In October, the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing highlighting the need for immediate pension relief. Chairman Charlie Rangel (D-NY) agreed that defined benefit pension plans have been the bedrock of retirement security for millions of Americans and action is needed. SUPERVALU's Government Affairs team is working closely with Congressmen Miller (D-CA), Pomeroy (D-ND) and Tiberi (R-OH) who are leading the bipartisan legislation in the House.

### Pharmacies Engage in Health Care Debate

As the debate over healthcare reform unfolds in Congress, the SUPERVALU Government Affairs team and SUPERVALU Pharmacies have been stepping up efforts to ensure pharmacy is represented in all corners of the healthcare debate.

As the most-accessible health care provider—located on average within two miles of every U.S. resident—pharmacists play a pivotal role in our health care delivery system. Pharmacy advocates are actively working to reform the Medicaid reimbursement rate for generic drugs so pharmacies can continue to service low-income Americans. They are also working to build support for enhanced access to pharmacist-provided medication therapy management (MTM) services.



(left to right) Chris Dimos, Maxine Johnson, Congressman Wally Herger, Vic Vercammen and Mike Erlandson discuss pharmacy issues at a meeting during the NACDS RxIMPACT Day on Capitol Hill.

SUPERVALU is working with industry partners like the National Association of Chain Drug Stores to ensure pro-patient, pro-pharmacy provisions in the final health care reform legislation. We appreciate the efforts of many Members of Congress including Senator Baucus (D-MT) and Representatives Pallone (D-NJ), Ross (D-AK), and Jerry Moran (R-KS) as the final bills emerge.

To learn more about these and other issues, visit [supervalugr.com](http://supervalugr.com) and click on "Legislative Issues"

### SUPERVALU GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MISSION STATEMENT

- Promote the adoption of legislation and regulatory rules favorable to SUPERVALU, its banners, associates and constituents.
- Maintain relationships with federal, state and local elected officials as well as agency representatives and community leaders.
- Provide counsel on external communications as they relate to the government affairs role in public affairs for SUPERVALU.
- Engage actively in the larger community.

## A Snapshot of Recent Polls and Opinions

A variety of recent polls showed that 49% to 55% of Americans believe the country is on the wrong track and 39% to 44% say the country is on the right track. This compared to 90% who felt the country was on the wrong track in October 2008 and 78% who felt the country was on the wrong track in January 2009.



56% currently believe the federal government is doing too many things that are better left to businesses and individuals according to a NYT/CBS poll.

A Gallop poll in August showed 41% of Americans say the stimulus program is making the economy better and 24% say the stimulus program is making it worse.

## ValuPAC Contributions in 2009

Thanks to your support, ValuPAC has contributed \$75,500 to Members of Congress, political parties and industry PACs in 2009!

Our support for candidates who advocate for legislation important to SUPERVALU makes a difference. ValuPAC recipients this year include:

- The Republican and Democratic Party Committees
- A Minnesota Event featuring Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
- House Agriculture Chair Collin Peterson (D-MN)
- House Education and Labor Ranking Member John Kline (R-MN)
- Senate Finance Chair Max Baucus (D-WY)
- Republican Party Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA)
- Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV)
- Senate Republican Policy Committee Chair John Thune (R-SD)



### YOUR VALUPAC SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT TO KEY MEETINGS

Government Affairs vice president, Mike Erlandson, recently met with key members of Congress to advance SUPERVALU's position on pension relief, pharmacy provisions in the health care reform proposals, interchange fee reform and to support final passage of food safety legislation. Meetings with members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions included: **Senator Sherrod Brown** (OH); **Senator Robert Casey** (PA); **Senator Michael Enzi** (WY), ranking Republican member; **Senator Al Franken** (MN); and **Senator Judd Gregg** (NH). Meetings with U.S. Representatives included **Rep. Earl Pomeroy** (ND); **Rep. Patrick Tiberi** (OH); and **Rep. John Kline** (MN), ranking Republican on Committee on Education and Labor.

To get involved in these issues visit the Get Active page on our website at [www.supervalugr.com](http://www.supervalugr.com).

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