

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2008 7:58 PM  
Subject: Holocaust Survivors v. Global Life Insurance Industry

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Currently what could very well be the last battle for Holocaust survivor justice is playing out right in front of us. Unfortunately, things are not going well for the few remaining survivors. In the bazaar world of political and financial interests, where good people's judgment becomes clouded, the battle lines have been drawn. On one side, there is the Holocaust survivor community (virtually alone). Working against the Holocaust survivors on the other side is the global life insurance industry, the White House and State Department, and the paper tiger that was the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC). Currently, Congress is sitting as an arbiter in this fight (see H.R. 1746 sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen).

At issue is the current inaccessibility to the judicial system for survivors with life insurance claims. The current value of unpaid claims is conservatively estimated to be a minimum of \$17,000,000 (\$17 Billion) and as high as \$200,000,000,000 (\$200 Billion) and yet a great percentage of the Holocaust survivor community lives in severe poverty while desperately needing things like elder care.

I can understand some of the European life insurance carriers' (like AXA, Allianz, and Generali) position on this issue as they were the main perpetrators of this theft and are still enjoying the blood tainted profits of the legacy they stole from their victims. However, to my knowledge none of the "good guy" companies have taken the righteous position. They are either actively opposing the survivor community or are being complicit in their silence.

I believe that if the field distribution force in the life insurance industry were aware of these issues, bottom-up pressure would be yielding a different result. I bring this to your attention because you are a successful industry producer with influence at many of your carriers. As such, you are in a position to help shine a spotlight on this ugly confluence of interests.

Please begin asking your insurance carriers, brokerage general agencies, and your fellow life insurance producers questions about the moral implications of our industry's position on this issue. Hopefully, it can provide an opportunity for some of the great companies to take a public stance against the shameful conduct of our industry.

Here are some links to last weeks Congressional activity on this:

[Link to Financial Services Hearing on Feb. 7:](#)

<http://financialserv.edgeboss.net/wmedia/financialserv/hearing020708.wvx>

[Link to Prepared Statements of Participants:](#)

[http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs\\_dem/press020708.shtml](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/financialsvcs_dem/press020708.shtml)

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