



URGE INCREASED FUNDING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

Call your U.S. Senators and Representative today using the call script below to support Meals on Wheels and urge Congress to increase funding for the seniors they serve. It's a critical time to reach out to your Members of Congress, as Fiscal Year 2024 funding are being negotiated right now. A few minutes of your time will make a big difference for the well-being of older Americans nationwide.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Contact your Members of Congress' Washington, D.C. offices or dial the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be directly connected.
 - When calling the switchboard, you will be required to share your zip code and indicate that you want to speak with your Representative or Senators.
- We're encouraging you to make three phone calls, if possible, in order to reach the two Senators for your state and your Representative.
- Feel free to share personal stories about why Meals on Wheels is important to you and your loved ones!

PHONE SCRIPT

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME], calling from [CITY, STATE]. I'm calling to ask your boss to support increasing funding for Older Americans Act programs, like Meals on Wheels, in Fiscal Year 2024.

The OAA has been foundational in providing nutrition and social services to seniors for over 50 years. The lack of needed funding has led to waitlists and service cutbacks for local programs. **One in three Meals on Wheels programs currently have a waitlist, with older adults waiting an average of three months for meals.**

I am joining Meals on Wheels America in requesting an increase to **\$1.3 billion for the OAA Nutrition Program in Fiscal Year 2024** so that community-based programs can continue to provide nutritious meals and social connections to our aging neighbors.

The seniors in our state are counting on the support and increased funding. Thank you for your time!