

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,
and Education
Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your ongoing support for programs that help older Americans live active and independent lives. As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 appropriations bill for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, we urge you to prioritize and strengthen programs within the Administration for Community Living's (ACL) budget for the Administration on Aging (AoA). These programs under Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA) help older Americans age successfully at home and in their communities. To address the needs of a rapidly growing aging and caregiving population more adequately, we request a total funding level of \$2.5 billion for OAA Title III programs in FY27.

For 60 years, OAA programs and services have advanced the health and well-being of older adults. These programs are administered by a nationwide Aging Network consisting of states, Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Title VI Native American aging programs, and nearly 20,000 local service providers. They provide millions of older Americans, many of whom are low-income, the services necessary to reduce hunger and isolation while maintaining their dignity, health, and independence. The services provided through the OAA enable older adults to live in their own homes while saving taxpayer dollars through reduced hospital and institutional care.

OAA Title III B Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (HCBS):

The Home and Community-Based Supportive Services program authorized in Title III B of the Older Americans Act (OAA) provides critical resources to states and local AAAs. Community-based agencies rely on these resources to offer an array of supportive services including transportation programs, information and referral/assistance services, case management, home modification and repair, chore services, legal services, emergency/disaster response efforts and other person-centered approaches to helping older adults age well at home. Overall, Title III B funding is used to deliver more than 20 distinctive services to help older adults and caregivers. For these reasons, we respectfully ask that you appropriate \$500 million for the HCBS program. Our communities are strengthened when older adults are able to live independently, and taxpayers and families avoid paying for more expensive acute health care and long-term care services.

OAA Title III C Congregate Nutrition Services and Home-Delivered Nutrition Services:

The OAA Nutrition Title III C Program supports the provision of congregate and home-delivered meals and nutrition-related disease prevention and health promotion services to older adults that help reduce hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition, promote socialization, and improve their health and well-being. While the OAA Nutrition Program served an estimated 244 million meals to 2.6 million older adults in FY24 (most recent available data), funding has not increased to keep pace with rising demand or higher costs and providers are not

able to serve all in need. One in three Meals on Wheels providers report keeping a waitlist, and an estimated 2.5 million low-income, food insecure older adults in need do not receive OAA Nutrition Program services. For many participants, these meals provide one-half or more of their food for the entire day. The investment in the OAA Nutrition Program (federal dollars account for ~30% of program costs) saves the federal government billions in healthcare and long-term care expenses. One year of meals can be provided for the equivalent of one day in the hospital or twelve days in a nursing home, while often providing participants with their only daily opportunity for face-to-face contact or social connection.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully request the subcommittee include a minimum of \$1.7 billion for OAA Title III C, which includes the Congregate and Home-Delivered Nutrition programs as well as the Nutrition Services Incentive Program . These vital services authorized under the Older Americans Act help fulfill our nation's commitment to maintaining dignity and independent living regardless of income or location.

OAA Title III D Evidence-Based Health Promotion and Disease Prevention:

OAA Title III D programs deliver evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention through the Aging Network to prevent or better manage the conditions that most affect quality of life, drive up health care costs, and reduce the ability of older adults to live independently. Typical interventions promoted by III D programs address the risk of falls, chronic diseases, mental health, and medication management. We request that you fund OAA Title III D at \$50 million to improve the health and independence of older Americans who benefit from these proven interventions.

OAA Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP):

The National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) offers a range of supports to the majority of the nation's 41.8 million caregivers caring for adults 50 and over who are in need of help, including assistance in accessing services such as respite care, counseling, support groups, and caregiver training. Every year, caregivers provide nearly a half-trillion dollars' worth of unpaid care to older adults and people with disabilities. The NFCSP is the only nationwide program that provides essential supports, delivered through the Aging Network via state and local agencies, to informal caregivers of older adults who are an essential component to long-term care delivery in the country. We request that you fund OAA Title III E at \$250 million.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to working with you to make sure America's older adults receive the supportive services they need to live independently.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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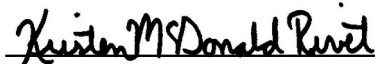
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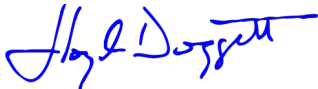
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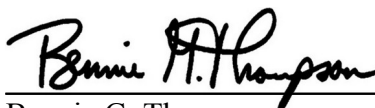
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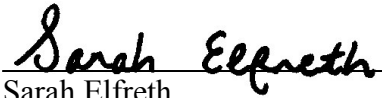
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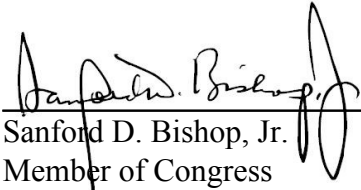
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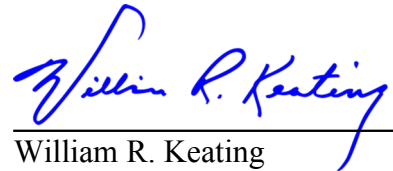
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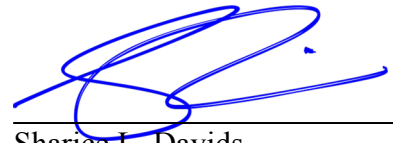
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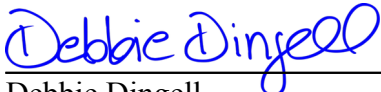
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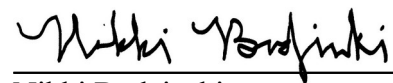
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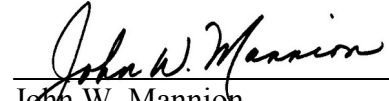
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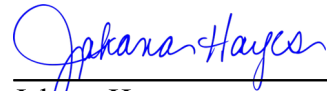
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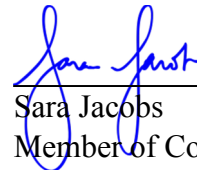
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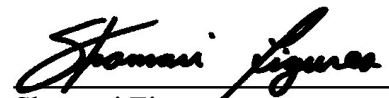
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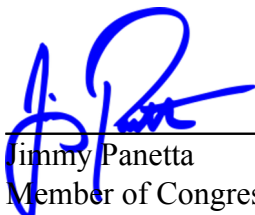
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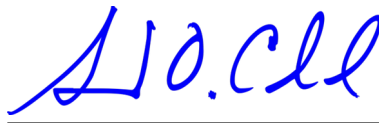
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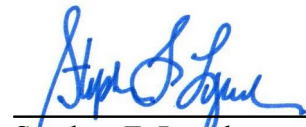
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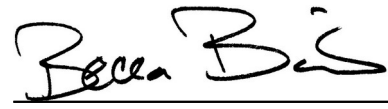
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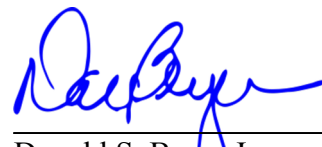
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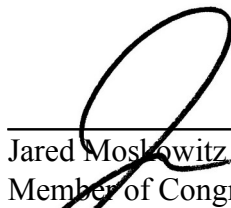
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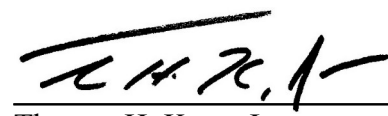
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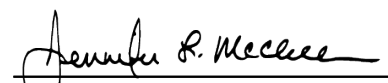
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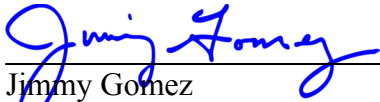
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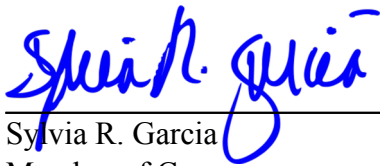
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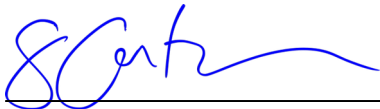
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