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On behalf of our organizations, we are writing to urge Congress to pass the final bipartisan, bicameral negotiated version of the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024 (S.4476), as the vehicle for Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization as early as possible in the 119th Congress. This Senate bill was endorsed by many organizations that care about the health and wellness of older adults and their caregivers. It continued to receive widespread support as updates were extensively negotiated between House and Senate committees of jurisdiction and readied for passage in December. Let's get it across the finish line.

Prioritizing reauthorization of the OAA would be a reassuring sign for the millions of older adults—in every state and Congressional district—who rely on its vital and often life-saving programs for their health, safety and independence, as well as offering support for their family caregivers. We hope that you will move expeditiously to reauthorize the Older Americans Act, which has long been one of the most successful federal programs.

Thank you for your leadership on passage of this critical legislation, which has a profound impact on the lives of older Americans. We look forward to working together with you to achieve this bipartisan win for Congress and reauthorize the OAA as swiftly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Retired Americans

Alliance to End Hunger
American Association of Caregiving Youth
American Council of the Blind
American Foundation for the Blind
American Geriatrics Society
American Society for Nutrition
American Society on Aging
Autistic Self Advocacy Network
Benjamin Rose Institute
Caring Across Generations
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Catalyst
CWI Works
Defeat Malnutrition Today
Diverse Elders Coalition
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Elder Justice Coalition
End Hunger Network
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Family Equality
Generations United
Gerontological Society of America
Grantmakers In Health
Haus of a Stranger
Institute for Policy Studies' Poverty Project
International Association for Indigenous Aging
Islamic Relief USA
Justice in Aging
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Lutheran Services in America
MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Meals on Wheels America
Medicare Rights Center
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers (NANASP)
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)
National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)
National Adult Protective Services Association
National Alliance for Caregiving
National AmeriCorps Seniors Association (NACSA)
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)
National Association of Counties (NACo)
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
National Association of RSVP Directors (NARSVPD)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Association of State LTC Ombudsman Programs
National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Council on Aging
National Health Council
National Hispanic Council On Aging
National Indian Council on Aging, Inc.
National Respite Coalition

National Women's Law Center
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