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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 119<sup>th</sup> 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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Aging and Vision Loss National Coalition

Aging Life Care Association®  
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  
DoorDash  
Elder Justice Coalition  
End Hunger Network  
Family Caregiver Alliance, National Center on Caregiving  
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  
LeadingAge  
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  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
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Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers  
SAGE  
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The Arc of the United States  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
United Church of Christ  
USAging  
Village to Village Network  
Women's Institute for a Secure  
Retirement