



July 15, 2026

Honorable Tim Walberg, Chairman
Honorable Bobby Scott, Ranking Minority Member
House Education and Workforce Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott:

As leading national organizations committed to the health, well-being and independence of older adults and key stakeholders in the country's landmark Older Americans Act (OAA), we write to you today with an urgent request to finish the OAA reauthorization before year's end.

Our organizations applaud the Senate's recent passage of S. 2120, the OAA bill that is identical to the one that passed the Senate in the 118th Congress, yet we also stand ready to support a bicameral compromise measure that mirrors the final bill nearly adopted in December 2024. We believe it is critical to retain that excellent, across-the-aisle work and hope your committees can work together to swiftly advance those important updates, which have the support of the broader aging community.

The final OAA Senate-House compromise bill from 2024 contains important updates that reflect the innovations and lessons learned by the Aging Network during the pandemic as well as other administrative changes. The OAA itself has always been reauthorized in a bipartisan fashion and historically under processes reserved for non-controversial measures.

We urge you to chart the smoothest, swiftest path to OAA reauthorization and advance it before the end of the 119th Congress. Reauthorizing OAA in this way would send a strong message that older Americans are a priority. This would be a

quick and easy win for Congress that would tremendously benefit older adults and the programs that serve them in every congressional district in the country.

Thank you for your leadership and considering our urgent request. We look forward to working with you in moving OAA reauthorization as expeditiously as possible to support the ability of older adults in all our communities to be able to age with health and live with safety at home and in the community, and to support their family caregivers.

Sincerely,

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Martha Roherty, Executive Director, ADvancing States

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Markwood".

Sandy Markwood, CEO, USAging

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellie Hollander".

Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob R. Blancato".

Bob Blancato, Executive Director, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramsey Alwin".

Ramsey Alwin, President and CEO, National Council on Aging

cc: Senate HELP and Aging Committee leadership