February 13, 2009

Dear Senator:

The undersigned members of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations urge you to pass the conference report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1). This economic recovery legislation will help address many of the needs of older adults who are struggling to keep their homes, pay their bills and have access to health care during these tough economic times.

The economic recovery package directs essential funding to programs that support all aspects of life for older adults. The resources devoted to Medicaid and other health services, senior nutrition, senior employment programs, the Community Development and Community Services Block Grants, and Social Security will not only aid economic recovery, but will positively impact the lives of older adults. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of older adults.

Sincerely,

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AFSCME Retirees
Alliance for Retired Americans
Alzheimer's Association
American Association for International Aging
American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
American Federation of Teachers Program on Retirement and Retirees
American Postal Workers Union Retirees
B'Nai B'Rith International
Easter Seals
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
Military Officers Association of America
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
National Association for Home Care and Hospice
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
National Association of Retired And Senior Volunteer Program Directors, Inc.
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Units on Aging
National Council on Aging
National Senior Citizens Law Center
National Senior Corps Association
NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
OWL, The Voice of Midlife and Older Women
Service Employees International Union
The Gerontological Society of America