



Leadership Council of Aging Organizations

William (Larry) Minnix, Jr., Chair

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The Honorable Gordon Smith
US Senate Special Committee on Aging
Room G31, Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Smith,

On behalf of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations, I am writing to request that the Senate Special Committee on Aging hold a hearing to examine the report from the White House Conference on Aging (WHCOA) and move forward on its recommendations.

The White House Conference on Aging is a once-a-decade event that discusses aging services policies for the coming ten years. The Conference held this past December, ‘The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action,’ focused on the impact of the aging baby boom generation. The 1200 delegates that attended the WHCOA were asked to vote on 50 resolutions that they felt were the most important for current and future generations of senior citizens.

In addition to voting on resolutions, the delegates also developed implementation strategies to ensure that these resolutions will be used to influence policy. These implementation strategies are action plans that can be executed at the federal, state, and local governmental levels, as well as throughout industry, communities, and by individuals. We ask that the Senate Special Committee on Aging hold a hearing to analyze these implementation strategies, as contained in the upcoming report from the WHCOA.

Sincerely,

William L. Minnix, Jr.
Chair

cc: Members Senate Special Committee on Aging