



Leadership Council of Aging Organizations

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,

AFL-CIO

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