



Leadership Council
of Aging Organizations

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Chair's Statement on The Leadership Council of Aging Organization's (LCAO) Support of the
Build Back Better Legislation

Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO) is a coalition of 67 national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well-being of America's older population and committed to representing their interests in the policy-making arena.

As the Chair, I underscore LCAO's continued strong support for the Build Back Better legislation and urge the Senate to protect and expand the bill's resources to provide much needed assistance and relief for older adults and their families. Build Back Better contains historic investments in essential services that Americans overwhelmingly support. These provisions include:

- Reforms to make Medicare prescription drugs more affordable
- Expand Medicare coverage for hearing aids and audiology services
- Expansion of home and community-based services
- New construction of HUD 202 homes for low-income older adults
- Workforce investments to strengthen opportunities for home care workers and older adults struggling to return to work, as well as measures to address the workforce challenges in the aging services sector's as well as paid leave.

Nothing should disrupt Congress from delivering these much-needed improvements for older adults and their families. Now is the time for the Senate to focus its efforts and vote to pass Build Back Better.

As I did more than two months ago in my [Chair's Letter to the 117th Congress](#), I implore Congress to adopt these investments in the Build Back Better Act without shaving off one dollar, and indeed to increase them. We cannot afford to wait any longer. Now is the time for the Senate to focus its efforts to provide the greatest benefit to older adults and the workers and family members who serve them.