



Leadership Council  
of *Aging Organizations*

**Ramsey Alwin, Chair**

November 9, 2022

The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair  
The Honorable Roy Blunt, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair  
The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member Blunt, Chairwoman DeLauro, and Ranking Member Cole:

The Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO) is a coalition of 66 national nonprofit organizations concerned with the well-being of America's older population and committed to representing their interests in policy-making arenas. LCAO thanks you for your efforts to support older Americans as they age at home and in the community.

We ask that you strengthen programs serving older Americans as you finalize the fiscal year 2023 appropriations. Many of the federal programs under the jurisdiction of your Appropriations Subcommittees help older adults age with dignity, health, and independence in their homes and communities and provide vital support to their family caregivers.

Increased investment is of paramount importance to address existing supports and services shortfalls, increase availability to address the growing older adult population, and improve and expand access to services for at-risk older adults and their caregivers. This is particularly essential as our nation continues to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At this time, we urge Congress to fund programs and services for older adults at levels that reflect the true and growing need in communities across the country and that, in turn, will help to build a stronger and more equitable American economy. With 10,000 people turning 65 each day, all federally funded programs are serving more older adults every day, whether by assisting Social Security beneficiaries and their caregivers, staffing Adult Protective Services and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, or addressing the needs for in-home help, meals, social engagement, transportation, and other assistance to be able to age well at home through the Older Americans Act programs.

Long-term continuing resolutions (CR) fail to address these needs and impede recovery when our country needs it the most. Relying on long-term CRs results in flat funding that does not account for growth in programs or demographics of an increasing older adult population. Multiple CRs impede strategic and cost-effective planning affecting critical service availability. We have the solutions, and we know how to best serve older adults in our communities - we just need the funding to support these best practices.

We encourage you to pass final Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations that include the adequate funding levels prioritizing and promoting the dignity, health, and independence of older adults while supporting their family caregivers. We ask you to consider LCAO’s funding requests below, and refer to the justifications in our [May 2022 correspondence](#).

**Leadership Council of Aging Organizations Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Requests**

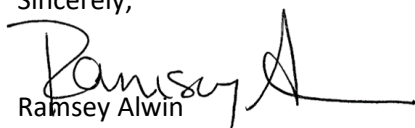
<b>Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies</b>		
<b>HHS - Administration for Community Living</b>		
Older Americans Act	Title III B Supportive Services	\$797.1 million
	Title III C-1 and C-2 Nutrition Services and Nutrition Services Incentive Program	\$1.934 billion
	Title III D Preventive Health Services	\$27.5 million
	Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program	\$388 million (includes \$500,000 for the RAISE Family Advisory Council)
	Title IV Chronic Disease Self-Management Education	\$8 million
	Title IV Falls Prevention	\$10 million
	Title II Research, Demonstration and Evaluation Center	\$10 million
	Title II National Resource Center on Women & Retirement	\$575,000
	Title VI Parts A/B Nutrition Services	\$72.5 million
	Title VI Part C Caregiver Supports	\$22.6 million
	Title VII Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs	\$70 million
	Title VII LTCOP for Assisted Living Residents	\$65 million
	Community Care Corps Grants	\$5.5 million
	Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program	\$10 million
	Aging and Disability Resource Centers	Maximize funding
	Title II and IV Aging Network Support Activities	\$54.8 million

Medicare State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs)		\$58.1 million
Elder Rights Support Activities	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$52.5 million
	Adult Protective Services State Funding	\$188 million
Lifespan Respite Care Program		\$14.2 million
Alzheimer’s Disease Program Initiative (ADPI)		\$37 million
<b>DOL – Employment and Training Administration</b>		
Older Americans Act	Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	\$450 million
Older Americans Act	Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve – OAA Title IV Demonstration on Direct Care Workforce	\$10 million
<b>HHS - Administration for Children and Families</b>		
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)		\$800 million
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)		\$4 billion
<b>HHS - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</b>		
Safety of Seniors Act Falls Prevention		\$4.1 million
BOLD Act Initiatives		\$30 million
<b>HHS - Health Resources and Services Administration</b>		
Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program & Geriatrics Academic Career Awards		\$82 million
<b>Corporation for National and Community Service</b>		
AmeriCorps Seniors		\$253.040 million (Includes \$131.335 million for FGP, \$58.705 million for SCP, and \$63.0 million for RSVP)
<b>Social Security Administration</b>		
Limitation on Administrative Expenses		\$14.8 billion

We respectfully ask you to recognize the importance of programs that improve the health and well-being of older people and their families. Without your investment in these discretionary initiatives, the valuable services that prevent and reduce hunger, isolation, poor health, neglect, abuse, unemployment and other challenges among older Americans will fail to reach the aging population in need of these services.

Under your leadership, LCAO hopes that in FY23, all these programs will be funded at levels that enable them to meet a rapidly growing demand for services, and that current threats to these vital programs will be rejected. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you to ensure sustained investment in the OAA and other key aging programs.

Sincerely,

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Ramsey Alwin  
Chair, LCAO  
President & CEO, NCOA

cc: Members of the House and Senate Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies