



Leadership Council
of Aging Organizations

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The Honorable Seth Magaziner
252 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Maria Elvira Salazar
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Magaziner and Congresswoman Salazar:

I am writing on behalf of the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO), a coalition of 68 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 bipartisan efforts to support older Americans as they age at home and in the community.

On behalf of LCAO, I am writing to formally endorse H. Res. 1013, legislation you introduced to reestablish the House Select Committee on Aging (HSCoA). As we all age together as a society, we see the need to find solutions to challenges facing older adults and their impact on our communities and the nation. Issues that need attention to both support older adults and effectively use taxpayer resources include promoting retirement security, alleviating poverty, building housing, promoting healthy aging and protecting older adults from maltreatment, developing a qualified long-term care services system, and a multitude of other issues facing our aging population. Addressing these demands in a fiscally responsible, bipartisan manner deserves greater attention, understanding and public engagement.

While the authorizing committees of the House of Representatives perform exemplary oversight and legislative functions over matters within their respective jurisdictions, the Select Committee would have an opportunity to more fully explore a range of issues and innovations that cross jurisdictional lines, while holding field hearings, convening remote hearings, engaging communities, and promoting understanding and dialogue that would contribute to the solutions that present themselves as the number of older people in our nation increases.

The House Aging Committee, which flourished in the 1970s under Chairman Claude Pepper, partnered and magnified the work of the standing committees in a team effort and a bipartisan manner, holding many joint hearings and addressing critical issues including an end to the mandatory retirement age, protecting Social Security, addressing abuse of older adults in nursing homes and the community, expanding home health care services to delay or avoid the need of entering costly long-term care facilities, and much more. Appropriations and authorizing committees benefited from the partnership and appreciated the House Aging Committee's significant knowledge and help in reaching older Americans.

The HSCoA would also complement the strong bipartisan work of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, which has effectively promoted member understanding on a variety of issues, including addressing scams and fraud against older adults, the challenge of high prescription costs, the impact of older adults on the economy, the costs associated with isolation and loneliness, and many more critical topics.

Historically, the HSCoA served as a unique venue that allowed open, bipartisan debate from various ideological and philosophical perspectives to promote consensus that, in turn, permeated standing committees. Opportunities that arise where we can collectively use a solutions-based approach to addressing the unique economic and health risks that older people face, particularly in a rapidly aging and technologically driven world, will require vigilant oversight and action.

For these reasons, the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations endorses H. Res. 1013, to reestablish the House Select Committee on Aging.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max Richtman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Max Richtman
Chair