

Agenda Item 2A: Federal Advocacy Letters

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February 23, 2015

The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to reiterate their support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who can not afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

The County supports the reauthorization and expansion of the following programs under OAA:

- Elderly Nutrition Program
- Family Caregiver Programs (Title III E)
- Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (Title III B)

Furthermore the County supports increasing local flexibility to allow local AAAs to provide more customized support, increased authorization levels, strengthening the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program.

On behalf of the Board, I appreciate your consideration of our views as you work with your colleagues on the committee to draft and approve legislation to reauthorize the Older Americans Act.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas P. Walters
Washington Representative

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The Honorable Ruben Hinojosa
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
2101 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hinojosa:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to reiterate their support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who can not afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

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The Honorable Lois Capps
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Lois:

I have sent the attached letters on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to Chairwoman Foxx and Ranking Member Hinojosa of the House Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training to express the Board's support of the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

The County supports the reauthorization and expansion of the following programs under OAA:

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- Home and Community-Based Supportive Services (Title III B)

Furthermore, the County supports increasing local flexibility to allow local AAAs to provide more customized support, increased authorization levels, strengthening the Long Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman Program.

Please support the reauthorization of the OAA and support efforts to maintain local control to coordinate OAA services for older Americans.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
SD-428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their Board's support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

Thank you for sponsoring S. 192, which would reauthorize OAA. The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who cannot afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

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As your committee moves forward to debate and approve S. 192 please work with your colleagues to include the County's priorities for the reauthorization of OAA.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
SH-525 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to express their Board's support for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

Thank you for sponsoring S. 192, which would reauthorize OAA. The Act allows the County to provide a wide range of critical services to its elderly population. It provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who cannot afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
SH-112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boxer:

I have sent the attached letters on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to Chairman Alexander and Ranking Minority Member Murray of the Senate HELP Committee to express the Board's support for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

The Older Americans Act provides funds for programs to support meals-on-wheels, help to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, counsel seniors on their rights, coordinate legal services for those who cannot afford representation, and support telephone hotlines. The County's phenomenal population growth over the last two decades is projected to continue and as a result, the demand for senior-related services will increase.

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Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray have introduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize OAA as S. 192. Please urge your colleagues who serve on the committee to work with them to support the County's priorities for the legislation, including efforts to maintain local control to coordinate OAA services for older Americans.

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
SH-331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I have sent the attached letters on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to Chairman Alexander and Ranking Minority Member Murray of the Senate HELP Committee to express the Board's support for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

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