



# Advocacy**ALERT**

FOR n4a MEMBERS & ALLIES

## Update on OAA Amendments Still Time for Advocacy Calls to House!

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*As our Sept. 7 [Advocacy Alert](#) shared, n4a worked with several congressional champions on amendments to the House's omnibus spending bill to increase the House's recommended funding levels for OAA. The House did not get through the more than 200 amendments last week, but the **two OAA amendments** will come up for consideration by the full House this week, perhaps as early as Tuesday, so advocates should take action today and tomorrow!*

*The message and action steps remain the same, but now you have more time to spread the word in your community!*

The first amendment comes from Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ) and Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) who have an amendment that would boost OAA Title III B Supportive Services funding by adding \$14.2 million to the current bill's level of \$350 million. As you know, increasing III B funding is n4a's top appropriations priority, but we need your help to get this amendment into the bill!

A second amendment from Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA) would boost OAA Title III B, C and E programs, nearly up to their authorized level, for a total increase of \$51 million.

But if their colleagues in the House don't sufficiently support these amendments, our efforts fail, so please take the time today or tomorrow morning to call the DC offices of any and all Representatives in your planning and service area!

### **What You Can Do:**

- **Call Your Representative(s) NOW.**
  - Use the Capitol Switchboard to connect (202.224.3121) or look up their direct line via their webpage, which you can find at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

- When you call, identify yourself as a constituent and, if you're able, briefly mention the role your agency plays in the congressional district.
  - Ask the Member of Congress to support the McSally-Stefanik Older Americans Act Amendment #100 and the Bonamici-Loebsack Older Americans Act Amendment #133 on the House floor.
  - Close with a line or two about why OAA is so important to the older adults and caregivers you serve and why this additional funding is so needed.
- **Quickly Spread the Word.** Ask your staff, allies, partners and other stakeholders to also make calls to their Representatives, too.

**Timing is obviously critical, so thank you for taking swift action!**

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