



Advocacy**ALERT**

FOR n4a MEMBERS & ALLIES

URGENT: Call Congress Today! OAA Funding Boosts on House Floor

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Take 5 minutes to make a case for increased Older Americans Act (OAA) funding for FY 2018!

n4a worked with several congressional champions on amendments to the House's omnibus spending bill, coming to the floor today, to increase the House's recommended funding levels for OAA. The two OAA amendments are among more than 200 up for consideration by the full House starting this afternoon and into the evening, so advocates must get loud!

Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ) and Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) have an amendment to 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!

Reps. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Dave Loebsack (D-IA) propose to 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 stop what you are doing and 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.

- 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 Amendment #100 and the Bonamici-Loebsack 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.

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

If you have questions or concerns about this *Advocacy Alert* or n4a's policy positions, please contact Autumn Campbell at acampbell@n4a.org and Amy Gotwals at agotwals@n4a.org.