GET THE FACTS
THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT

For more than 50 years, the Older Americans Act (OAA) has helped seniors age with dignity and independence in their homes and communities. In 2016, Congress renewed the OAA with unanimous bipartisan support from Congress. Yet funding for the programs under the OAA remains flat. Congress should continue to make bipartisan efforts to fully fund the OAA.

WHAT DOES THE OAA DO?

1. Delivers supportive services, such as in-home help, transportation, legal services, case management services, home modification, & adult day care services

2. Feeds older Americans with home delivered meals and meals provided in congregate settings, such as senior living centers

3. Supports family caregivers by providing education, training, and respite to help families better care for loved ones

4. Improves public health through disease prevention programs

5. Protects older Americans by detecting and preventing elder abuse, through services like the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

6. Connects low-income older Americans to training and paid community service employment opportunities

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WHY SHOULD CONGRESS ACT?

OAA is a win-win for older adults, family caregivers & the health care system.
By supporting home- and community-based services, the OAA helps many older adults avoid costly institutional settings that can drive up health care costs.

OAA funding has not kept pace with the needs of an aging America.
As the Baby Boomers age, funding for OAA programs has remained flat, leaving behind seniors who rely on OAA programs to stay independent, healthy, and economically secure.

OAA is bipartisan.
Members of the House and Senate from both political parties voted to reauthorize the OAA in 2016.

GET INVOLVED

Congress needs to fully fund and protect the OAA.

Contact your Senators and Representatives today to express support for the Older Americans Act and urge them to increase funding levels in the 2017 Fiscal Year.