Policymakers: Enable older adults to stay healthy and independent in your community!

The Reality:
The over-60 population in America is growing at the fastest pace ever in our nation’s history. Every day, 10,000 boomers turn age 65, and adults age 85+ are growing at the fastest rate. By 2030, one in five people in America will be 65 or older.

The Solution:
Craft policy that reflects the fact that:
- People want to age safely in their homes and communities.
- Health happens at home and in the community.
- Enabling aging in place is essential to our economic success.
- We are only as strong as our caregivers.
- Community infrastructure is a critical component of healthy aging.

Prioritize policies and funding that help older adults:
- live safely at home,
- eat well and stay healthy,
- have the opportunity to engage in the community,
- live with dignity, and
- avoid unnecessary, more costly and often unwanted institutional long-term care.
The primary focus of n4a is to advance policies that enable its members to effectively and efficiently address the needs of an aging America. To accomplish this goal, n4a established the following priorities for 2019. For details, visit n4a.org.

Reauthorize the Older Americans Act
Strengthen the aging services that make it possible for older adults to age well and safely at home and in the community.

Invest in Cost-Effective Aging at Home and in the Community
Stop the erosion of vital human needs programs from undermining the health and wellness of older adults by securing a bipartisan budget agreement. Invest in Older Americans Act and other supportive services that help older adults live successfully and independently in their homes and communities.

Improve Health by Addressing the Social Determinants
Recognize and protect the pivotal role that the Aging Network plays in addressing the social determinants of health and bridging the gap between the acute care, behavioral health and long-term services and supports systems to improve health outcomes and reduce health care costs.

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