



There's Still Time to Push for FY 2023 OAA Funding Increases

Connect With Congress During the Memorial Day Recess

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Congress is back home and it's a great time to contact the Senators and Representatives that serve your PSA this week! Congressional recess (May 30-June 3) provides an opportunity to reach out to your Senators and Representatives on their home turf and to showcase the critical programs and services you provide in their backyard. Whether it's attending a townhall meeting, issuing an invitation to visit your agency, or contacting their district office—NOW is the time to connect with federal lawmakers. The window of opportunity to advocate for FY 2023 funding is closing and we need all hands on deck to **push for increased spending levels that support older adults and caregivers.**

Even if you have already reached out to your Senators or Representative for OAA funding increases, we need you to continue checking in so they don't check out. Your sustained advocacy strengthens critically necessary congressional relationships that improve our ability to effectively advocate for adequate funding now and in the future.

Take Action Now!

It is imperative that all Senators and Representatives hear from their OAA champions in their state/district and constituents who benefit from the OAA programs and services that your agency delivers.

STEP 1: Visit [USAging's FY 2023 Appropriations Campaign Page](#) to assist your efforts. Our resources include everything you need to take action.

- Updated grassroots template letters ([AAA](#) and [Title VI](#) versions)
- [Current appropriations chart](#)
- [USAging appropriations request letter to Congress](#)
- [2022 USAging Policy Priorities](#)

It is important that you take the time to localize your request. Explain what increased OAA funding would mean for the older adults and caregivers in your community, Tribe or state.

STEP 2: Make Your Support for Boosted OAA Funding Public. Email or post a short note to lawmakers on social media. Members monitor their email/website traffic for constituent correspondence, and personal messages resonate most.

STEP 3: Engage Your Provider Network. Enlist fellow advocates! Urge your providers, advisory board members and other important stakeholders to send their own letters to Congress or post to social media. Please do all you can to amplify the message and engage others who understand the value of OAA in their community! You're welcome to forward this *Alert* to your networks or edit it to be best received by your advocates.

Time is short and we need all AAAs, Title VI Native American programs and local allies to raise their voices in support of Older Americans Act funding. **We must ensure that all Members of Congress know how important increased, stable, federal funding for OAA is to promote the health, well-being and independence of their older constituents and those who care for them.**

Stay tuned for more updates from USAging and as always, we thank you for your advocacy!

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