



OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY

The Honorable
Michigan State Senate
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The Honorable Governor
Gretchen Whitmer
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The Honorable
House of Representatives
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Dear Legislator:

As we approach Senior Action Week, May 11-15, including **Older Michiganians Day on May 13**, we are asking for your support in the FY27 budget. Older adults – the fastest growing segment of the population - face many issues that impact their ability to stay independent in their homes, as most want to do, and funding and resources are not keeping up with these needs. The Area Agencies on Aging Association, aging network partners, and advocates for seniors across the state are urging legislators to **take action and ensure funding in the budget for critical supports and services in the following areas:**

- **Modernize and Enhance Access to MI Choice** by continuing to support MI Choice Accessibility statewide and keep it as an option in the Long-Term Supports and Services Continuum of Care.
- **Rebalance State Medicaid Expenditures to Support Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** by rebalancing state expenditures between (HCBS) and institutional care by funding Medicaid LTSS to at least 53%, matching the national average, and by supporting H.R.1 (Public Law 119-21, Section 71121) to allow Medicaid beneficiaries not requiring an institutional level of care access to HCBS.
- **Increase access to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** by supporting the Silver Key Coalition’s request for an **\$8 million increase** for ACLS Bureau in-home services and for a **\$2 million increase** for home-delivered meals.
- **Assist family and informal caregivers** by supporting a **permanent \$5 million appropriation** distributed to area agencies on aging (AAAs) so they can continue to develop Caregiver Resource Centers and pass the **Caring for MI Family Tax Credit** to provide tax relief of up to \$2,000 per year for family caregivers.

We are grateful for your continued support and all that you do for older adults, especially with your help in addressing these important issues as we *Champion Healthy Aging*. For more details on Senior Action Week’s platform of legislative action, visit 4ami.org or call {local CEO} at {phone number}.

Sincerely,

_____ (Signed) _____ (County/Zip)

_____ (Print Name) ****Additional comments on back**



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