

ACTION ALERT UPDATE: Urge Your Federal Lawmakers to Protect and Fund Critical Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs

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All eyes are on the March 14 deadline to finalize FY 2025 spending, which is currently at FY 2024 levels under the current continuing resolution (CR). Congress needs to pass a full FY 2025 funding package or another CR by the deadline or risk a government shutdown.

There is Still Time - **Take Action Now**

Contact U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson and your U.S. Representative to let them know how critical OAA funding is to the people you serve and to advocate for the highest possible level of funding (see USAging's [Appropriations Chart](#)) for OAA programs and services, and to extend funding for MIPPA Medicare Low-Income Outreach and Enrollment programs. Find your Members' contact information on these websites: www.house.gov and www.senate.gov (or see **Wisconsin Members of the 119th Congress** - <https://gwaar.org/api/cms/viewFile/id/2008426>).

- **Put your requests in writing!** Use USAging's customizable templates ([AAA/Title VI](#)) to help you format your letter and customize your asks to reflect your agency/program. Give your Members of Congress a sense of how your/their communities are affected—take the time to localize what this funding means for the older adults and caregivers in your community, tribe, or state. Check out USAging's [FY 2025 appropriations campaign page](#) for additional resources. You are encouraged to use your agency's letterhead, but if that is not feasible, send it from your Governing Board, Advisory Council or even yourself as a private citizen. Or do all three!
- **Encourage your board and members to attend any of your federal legislators' virtual or in-person events** and ask that they put in a good word for OAA funding and its impact in your community.
- **Engage your provider network.** Urge your vendors/providers, advisory board members and other important stakeholders to send their own letters to Congress.

Please do all you can to amplify the message and engage others who understand the value of OAA in their communities!