

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. Kuppa, Haadsma, Stone, Anthony, Elder, Cambensy, Wittenberg, Hope, Byrd, Chirkun, Kennedy, Brixie, Cynthia Johnson, Brenda Carter, Rabhi, Crawford, Hoadley, Lasinski, Hood, Sowerby, Coleman, Clemente, Guerra, Tate, Cherry, Shannon, Peterson, Robinson, Greig, Sneller, Ellison, Sabo, Koleszar, Hertel, Gay-Dagnogo, Bolden, Witwer, Camilleri and Love offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the President and Congress of the United
2 States to reauthorize the Older Americans Act and restore funding
3 to Fiscal Year 2010 levels adjusted for inflation.

4 Whereas, The Older Americans Act (OAA) provides essential
5 services that help older adults live independently, such as meal
6 programs, home assistance, support for family caregivers,
7 transportation, protection from abuse, and other services. State
8 programs funded by the OAA must target services to the older



1 Americans with the greatest economic and social needs; and

2 Whereas, The bipartisan OAA has been reauthorized numerous
3 times since it was first enacted in 1965. Most recently, the OAA
4 was reauthorized for a three-year period through the Older
5 Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016, but it expired on
6 September 30, 2019. Reauthorization has been passed by the U.S.
7 House of Representatives through the Dignity in Aging Act of 2019
8 and is being considered by the U.S. Senate; and

9 Whereas, Growth in the population of older adults
10 significantly outpaces OAA appropriations, and funding has not kept
11 pace with inflation. The population of older adults increased by
12 23.5 percent from 2010 to 2017, and meanwhile, appropriations for
13 OAA decreased by 16 percent or about \$400 million in the last 18
14 years when adjusted for inflation. Funding in 2010 was \$42.95 per
15 senior in today's dollars but has dropped to \$27.25 per senior; and

16 Whereas, There is significant unmet need among older adults
17 for the services supported through the OAA. According to a 2015
18 report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office, 24 percent
19 of low-income older adults were food insecure, and 83 percent of
20 them did not receive home-delivered or congregate meal services.
21 Nutrition programs make up about 40 percent of OAA funding.
22 Additionally, the report found that 2 out of 3 adults who have
23 difficulty completing daily activities have limited or no access to
24 home-based care, which can be provided through the OAA; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
27 President and Congress of the United States to reauthorize the
28 Older Americans Act and restore funding to Fiscal Year 2010 levels
29 adjusted for inflation; and be it further



1 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
2 President of the United States, the President of the United States
3 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
4 and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

