



September 17, 2019

The Honorable Bobby Scott, Chair  
The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Education and Labor  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici, Chair  
The Honorable James Comer, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services  
House Committee on Education and Labor  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Scott, Ranking Member Foxx, Chair Bonamici, Ranking Member Comer:


We are writing on behalf of the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement in support of the Committee's bipartisan legislation, the Older Americans Act reauthorization bill, [H.R. 4334, The Dignity in Aging Act of 2019](#).

The Older Americans Act, originally enacted in 1965, supports a range of home and community-based services, legal services, elder abuse prevention, and caregiver support, among its many other programs and resource centers. These programs help older adults stay independent in their homes and communities and they focus on offering assistance to those with the greatest needs, such as low-income or minority persons, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older persons residing in rural areas.

These are the very people that we serve through the National Resource Center on Women & Retirement. It is our understanding that a section in the final marked-up version of the H.R. 4334 will authorize the Resource Center in Title II and provide designated funding. We very much appreciate the Committee's acknowledgement of the work that our programs do to support the financial security of older women and men.

We thank you for your leadership and please contact us with further questions at 202-393-5452.

Sincerely,

  
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