



5/18/20

RE: Thank you for your support of the Older Americans Act of 2020

TO: Senators Harris and Feinstein, Congressman Garamendi and Congresswoman Matsui

Dear Yolo County representatives:

The Yolo Healthy Aging Alliance serves as the unified voice for older adults in Yolo County. Our mission is to enhance the wellbeing of older adults in Yolo County through education, collaboration and advocacy. We appreciate your representation of our older adults and caregivers and would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your support of the extension of the Older Americans Act. Signed into law on March 26, 2020, the Older Americans Act of 2020 extends the Older Americans Act (OAA) for five years and increases funding levels for its programs by 7 percent in federal fiscal year 2020 and by 6 percent each year from 2021 to 2024.

Extending this act continues the significant protections and increased funding for many of the programs on which seniors rely such as Meals on Wheels, legal services, ombudsmen for long term care and caregiver respite and support. These funds come at a crucial time for our senior population which is severely impacted by COVID-19.

Again, thank you for your support for the Older Americans Act of 2020. We look forward to working with your offices in the future as we find a path forward from COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Provenza", is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Provenza
Chair

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