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Proposed Federal Budget Jeopardizes Vital Programs for Older Adults

Last week, we warned of proposed federal cuts to Medicaid and SNAP—lifeline programs relied upon every day by older and disabled adults, caregivers and families in Napa and Solano counties. If enacted, these cuts would strip away critical health care and nutrition services.

Now, we face another alarming development.

The Trump Administration's leaked FY 2026 budget proposes dismantling the **Older Americans Act (OAA)**—the backbone of services older adults and caregivers depend on. These include:

- Home delivery meal services and congregate meal programs
- In-home care and caregiver respite
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Elder abuse prevention

The proposed changes would shift OAA programs to agencies not designed to manage them and significantly reduce or eliminate funding for several services altogether. As USAgings' CEO Sandy Markwood says, "By breaking apart this vital program, the Trump Administration is undermining the federal commitment to assist older Americans in aging well at home."

Call 202-224-3121 to share your concerns with your Senators (Padilla and Schiff) and Representatives (Garamendi or Thompson). Help ensure that policymakers understand the real-life impact of changes to these critical services.

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