



OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY

April 1, 2023

Dear Michigander,

As Senior Action Week and Older Michiganians Day approaches, we are reaching out to ask for your help to make sure your local State Representatives, State Senators, and the Governor hear from you on how their decisions impact critical services for older adults.

Your voice matters! Part of our advocacy to help older adults during Senior Action Week includes a letter campaign which, with your support, can help send the message to legislators to preserve vital services for older adults in the state budget. Would you consider signing a letter of support for the funding of older adult services?

Included are two documents:

First, the *Platform for Legislative Action* explains critical issues on our advocacy platform to keep older adults independent and in their own homes. The second document is a letter addressed to our Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives for you to consider signing and sending back to us by May 1. We will add your letter to hundreds of others and deliver them directly into the hands of local elected officials, visually showing lawmakers how many people care about these issues.

Please sign and print your name as well as your city and zip code so we can deliver the letters to the appropriate legislator.

Also, please feel free to add any additional comments, or a personal story, that you feel our elected officials should know on the back of this page. *Comments are welcomed but not required.*

Thank you for taking the time to help. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Uhrich at 269-983-0177 or email us at advocacy@areaagencyonaging.org.

Sincerely,

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