OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY

The Honorable	The Honorable Governor	The Honorable
Michigan State Senate	Gretchen Whitmer	House of Representatives
PO Box 30036	P.O. Box 30013	P.O. Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909-7536	Lansing, MI 48909	Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Legislator:

As we approach Senior Action Week, May 5-9, including **Older Michiganians Day on May 7**, we are asking for your support in the FY26 budget. Older adults – the fastest growing segment of the population - face many issues that impact their ability to stay independent in their homes as most want to do and funding and resources are not keeping up with these needs. The Area Agencies on Aging Association, aging network partners, and advocates for seniors across the state are urging legislators to **take action and ensure funding in the budget for critical supports and services in the following areas:**

- **Expand access to the MI Choice Waiver program** by rebalancing state expenditures between Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) and institutional care and **fully fund the risk pool** with an appropriation from the Medicaid HCBS budget line

- **Increase access to Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** by supporting the Silver Key Coalition's request for an **$8 million increase** for ACLS Bureau in-home services and for a **$2 million increase** for home delivered meals.

- **Assist family and informal caregivers** by supporting a **permanent $5 million appropriation** distributed to area agencies on aging (AAAs) so they can continue to develop Caregiver Resource Centers and pass the **Caring for MI Family Tax Credit** to provide tax relief of up to $5,000 per year for family caregivers.

We are grateful for your continued support and all that you do for older adults, especially with your help in addressing these important issues as we *Flip the Script on Aging*. For more details on Senior Action Week's platform of legislative action, visit 4ami.org or call {local CEO} at {phone number}.

Sincerely,

_____ (Signed)   _____ (County/Zip)

_____ (Print Name)

   **Additional comments on back

OLDER MICHIGANIANS DAY

Additional Comments (optional):

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____