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RE: Urgent Call to Action – Reauthorize the Older American's Act (OAA) and Return Federal Funding to the Area Agency on Aging of Lake and Mendocino County (AAA) to Prevent Irreparable Harm to Seniors

To Congressman Mike Thompson, Congressman Jared Huffman, Senator Alex Padilla, and Senator Adam B. Schiff:

We, County of Lake Board of Supervisors, are writing to request immediate reauthorization of the Older American's Act (OAA) and the return of federal funding to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of Lake and Mendocino Counties. The suspension of these funds will cause irreparable damage to the most vulnerable seniors in our community, living on fixed incomes, many of whom are veterans.

Our seniors will be forced to make the hard choice between eating and living expenses without reauthorization of these funds.

The Federal Continuing Resolution passed on December 20, 2024, did not include OAA reauthorization. Lake and Mendocino counties face a nearly \$1 million dollar shortfall to continue services from January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025. Vital AAA services at risk include the Senior Center Meal Program including Meals on Wheels, as well as supportive services, Family Caregiver Support Program, Tai Chi, Long Term Care Ombudsman, and administrative staffing.

AAA served 212,702 meals to senior constituents in Lake and Mendocino County last year and provided information and assistance to over 25,516. In Lake County, 18% of adults over 60 live in poverty. In Mendocino County, 17% of adults over 60 live in poverty. Both exceed the state and national average.

We urge you to action now to protect your senior constituents. Reauthorize the Older Americans Act, including funding for Area Agency on Aging programs.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

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