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The Honorable Tim Walberg
Chairman
Committee on Education and Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
2176 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott
Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott:

On behalf of the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and the Caregiver Nation Coalition, we write to urge the Committee on Education and Workforce to take up and swiftly pass the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act (S. 2120), which the Senate passed by unanimous consent on July 14. We commend the Senate for advancing this bipartisan legislation and urge the House to build on that momentum by reauthorizing this landmark law before the end of the 119th Congress.

NAC is a national membership-based organization focused on building health, wellness, and financial well-being for America’s more than 63 million family caregivers. The OAA is one of the primary federal vehicles for supporting the family caregivers who make it possible for older adults to age at home and in their communities, and its reauthorization is long overdue. The current authorization expired in 2024, and family caregivers, older adults, and the Aging Network have waited too long for Congress to update this critical law.

S. 2120 reflects years of bipartisan negotiation and incorporates important lessons learned by the Aging Network during and since the pandemic. We are especially encouraged that the bill preserves and strengthens the National Family Caregiver Support Program (OAA Title III-E) and the RAISE Family Caregivers Advisory Council, both of which are essential to implementing our nation’s first-ever National Strategy to Support Family Caregivers. We also support the bill’s continued investment in Title VI-C Native American Caregiver Support Services and other provisions that reflect input from dozens of aging and caregiving organizations over the past two years.

As you and your colleagues on the Committee consider the Senate passed bill, we respectfully urge you to:

- Preserve robust, dedicated funding authorization levels for the National Family Caregiver Support Program and the RAISE Family Caregivers Advisory Council;
- Maintain the bill's support for Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian caregivers under Title VI-C;
- Support the much needed, yet modest, authorizations levels; and
- Move the bill through committee and to the House floor as expeditiously as possible, consistent with the OAA's long history of bipartisan, non-controversial reauthorization.

The OAA has always been reauthorized on a bipartisan basis, and we believe this Congress has a genuine opportunity to finish that work this year. Reauthorization would send a clear message that older Americans and the family caregivers who support them are a national priority, and it would give the Aging Network the certainty it needs to continue serving communities in every congressional district.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of older Americans and family caregivers. We stand ready to serve as a resource to you and your staff as the Committee moves this important legislation forward, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss these recommendations further.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: House Education and Workforce Committee members