

# Push for Older Americans Act Funding Increases: Call Your Senators this Week!

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The Older Americans Act programs require increased resources to maintain current programs due to population growth and cost inflation—as well as restore the cuts made by sequestration and federal budget reductions in the past few years.

We need you to take action this week to urge your Senators to sign onto a letter of support.

## Action Requested:

Contact both of your Senators (Cruz and Cornyn) and ask them to sign on to the letter circulated by Senator Sanders on Older Americans Act funding. Even if you know enough about your Senator's voting history to understand your request is not an easy one, please, do this outreach anyway. It's vital that all Senators understand how critical Older Americans Act funding is to older adults and caregivers!

### **STEP 1: Call the DC office and ask for the staff member who handles Older Americans Act or appropriations issues.**

Senator John Cornyn  
(202) 224-2934  
Fax: (202) 228-2856  
[www.cornyn.Senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm](http://www.cornyn.Senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactForm)

The Honorable Ted Cruz  
(202) 224-5922  
Fax: (202) 228-0755  
[www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=email\\_senator](http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=email_senator)

### **STEP 2: Tell them about the Sanders OAA letter.**

**STEP 3: Let them know exactly why you want the Senator to sign on to the Sanders letter.**  
For more information on what the Older Americans Act funds in our communities, go to [http://www.aoa.gov/AoA\\_programs/OAA/](http://www.aoa.gov/AoA_programs/OAA/).

**The deadline for signatures is Wednesday, March 25.**

Ask other advocates to do the same! Urge colleagues, advisory board members, volunteers and clients to make calls to their Senators, as well. We have a short window of opportunity (just over a week) so we need you and your colleagues to act fast!

If you have questions about this Advocacy Alert, please contact: Amy Gotwals and Autumn Campbell, 202.872.0888.