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On Tuesday, President Obama showed the Administration's commitment to older Americans by signing into law the Older Americans Act, which he had urged Congress to reauthorize last summer.

The Older Americans Act funds a wide array of programs that are crucial to addressing poverty among older adults. Low-income seniors with few other resources rely on those programs to age safely and with dignity.

Many of these programs form the backbone that holds everyday life together for millions of low-income older adults and their families. These include programs that transport older adults to doctor appointments and senior centers, meal delivery that reaches isolated seniors, and crucially, legal services attorneys who provide free and low cost services to help seniors access the benefits to which they are entitled, stay in their homes, and fight fraud and abuse.

As the population ages and income inequality increases, the need for the programs that are funded by the OAA is going to grow.

We at Justice in Aging are heartened to see the commitment from Congress and the President to ensuring all older adults have the opportunity to age in dignity with access to the services and supports they need to remain at home and in their communities.

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