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We applaud the Senate for passing the Older Americans Act and advancing it one major step toward reauthorization. This critical legislation, which was signed into law 50 years ago this week, provides high-quality, individualized services that improve the health, safety, and well-being of nearly 12 million older adults and one million family caregivers. It is key to enabling older adults to live their lives with dignity and respect in the homes and communities they choose.

Earlier this week at the White House Conference on Aging, we talked about the transformation of aging in America and the engagement of all sectors of society in the benefits and promise of longevity. Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act is an important step in achieving the goals we set.

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Key Deliverables from the White House Conference on Aging

Empowering All Americans as We Age

On July 13, 2015, the President hosted the White House Conference on Aging, which focuses on the issues facing Americans as they plan for retirement, care for older loved ones, and work to improve our quality of life as we age. One of the most critical components of middle-class life in this country is a secure and dignified retirement, and today the President announced new steps we're taking to ensure that Americans have the tools they need to prepare for the future. These actions build on the President's announcement earlier this year of the Department of Labor's proposed rule requiring retirement advisers to put their clients' best interest first, before their own profits. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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Blog: The future of aging and technology

By Susannah Fox, CTO, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

You might be wondering why a Chief Technology Officer would be part of a conference on aging. Isn't tech a young person's game?

First of all, I love Alan Kay's definition: Technology is anything invented after you were born. [[READ MORE](#)]

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