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Dear NASUAD Members,

We have learned that the HELP committee (Senator Alexander and Senator Murray) plans to introduce the Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2015 on **Tuesday, January 20th**. The bill would reauthorize OAA through 2018.

According to Senate staff, the bill is very similar to the one from last Congress. Staff indicate that there are two changes to note:

"1) The bill includes a compromise to address the title III grants formula to begin to more accurately reflect the geographic changes in our aging population, and 2) a GAO report on transportation has been removed, as GAO has already completed the [report](#). "

According to the bill summary, which I have attached, the changes to the formula would include:

The formula adjustment would update the 2006 hold harmless by using the most recent fiscal year funding as a baseline for an annual dynamic hold harmless, reflecting more recent population trends and ensuring funding better meets the nationwide needs of older adults while also protecting every state from experiencing a negative adjustment of no more than 1 percent a year. After three years, the formula's hold harmless would again freeze in place at FY2018 funding levels. Minimum grant states are not affected.

There are also some changes to Ombudsman provisions, abuse prevention, ADRCs, and a few other policy items – many of which were in prior OAA reauthorization packages.

We do not yet have a copy of the bill language; however, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the plans to introduce this legislation ASAP. We will provide more information and analysis as soon as we learn more.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns,

Damon