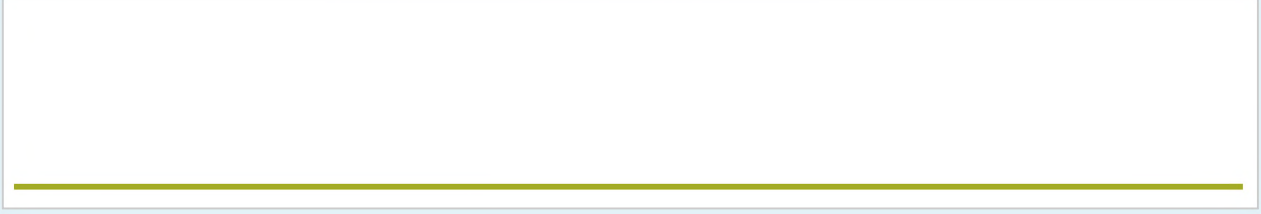


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Dear Anthony,

50 years ago, our nation enacted three landmark laws designed to help seniors age with dignity—Medicare, Medicaid, and the Older Americans Act.

In 2015, there's still work to do.

**Today, nearly 3 in 4 African American and Hispanic older women still live on the edge financially—even with Medicare and Social Security.**

On average, older women receive \$4,000 less each year in Social Security than older men. Older women of color fare even worse.

These older women are finding retirement is a constant struggle just to pay for the basics of life—food, medicine, and rent.

**May is Older Americans Month—a perfect time to help fulfill our nation's promise of 50 years ago—that all older Americans live with dignity.**

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