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Subject: TODAY: Tell Congress in invest in aging services

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Dear Anthony,

TODAY: Tell Congress to protect and invest in aging services!

Send an email now

This week, aging advocates across the country are flooding Congress with emails and phone calls to protect and invest in vital aging services.

We need your voice! Here's how you can help:

1. **Call 1-800-998-0180** to speak directly to your lawmakers' staff and tell them personally why it's critical to increase funding for aging programs. You can use the statement below. You will hear a brief message before being connected with your Member's office.
2. **Send an email** to your members of Congress using our online alert. Please remember to personalize your message to make it even more effective.
3. **Share this message** with everyone in your network. The more messages we deliver, the better chance we have for success!

Your message:

I'm a constituent, and I'm calling to urge you to protect and invest in aging programs for our nation's seniors. The older population is growing rapidly, and funding levels have not kept up with need for programs such as the Older Americans Act, Medicare State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Falls Prevention, and Chronic Disease Self-Management. These programs keep seniors healthy, secure, and independent in their own homes. Please urge Congressional leaders and appropriators to protect and invest in these programs.

Congress will be making FY16 funding decisions by Thanksgiving, so please act today! Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,
Howard Bedlin
Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy

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