



Dear Legislator,

May 8, 2020

On behalf of the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), we want to thank you for meeting with us on Friday, May 15th as part of CARA's "Virtual" Statewide Senior Lobby Day. It is very important to us, as your constituents, that you know who CARA is and where we stand on important issues. As you know, CARA members are meeting with almost all 120 members of the State Legislature or their staff on May 15th, by phone/zoom, in an effort to strengthen our relationship with you and to let you know where we stand on three key issues impacting seniors and people with disabilities.

CARA sponsors a lobby day every year, either in the district or at the State Capitol. Usually we focus on key legislation that are priorities for seniors and people with disabilities, as well as budget concerns. Given the immediate and present danger of COVID 19, we have decided to focus this year's lobby day on immediate issues that are rooted in the realities of the virus and what we believe we must do – as a State - to protect current and future residents.

Our hope is that you will take these issues to heart, and work with us to make California a state where seniors and people with disabilities can age safely in their communities, with honor and dignity, and with access to the services that they need. We are urging you to:

1. Support the development of an Improved Medicare for All-Single Payer Health Care program in California.
2. Help create a Universal Long Term Supports and Services Plan for all Californians.
3. Endorse the Schools and Communities First Initiative on the November 2020 ballot.

We have enclosed with this letter a summary of these 3 Priority Issues and what we hope you can do support these efforts during this legislative session and beyond. If you have any questions about CARA or would like to get in touch with us about any of these issues or others that you think we might be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us on May 15th. If you are a legislative staff member, we are counting on you to share our information with the Legislator.

Sincerely,

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