



February 28, 2021

**The Honorable Wendy Carrillo
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814**

RE: AB 470 (Carrillo)– SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo,

The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) writes in strong support of Assembly Bill 470, which would eliminate the Medi-Cal asset limit for seniors and people with disabilities. CARA is California’s largest grassroots advocacy organization for seniors and people with disabilities, representing over 1 million members through our 300+ affiliated organizations.

Many seniors and people with disabilities live month to month on a very limited income – struggling to get by. These people might have a small savings in case of an emergency or disaster, one they do not use for their daily living expenses. But these savings can make them ineligible for the multitude of services available through the Medi-Cal program and other income based programs. Access to these programs could make the difference for these lower income people who want to live independently with support, but without this bill, would be unable to access the services to do so.

For all these reasons, CARA thanks you for authoring AB 478 and looks forward to working with you on the passage of this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Hene Kelly".

**Hene Kelly
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