

July 2, 2024

The Honorable Ed Markey  
United States Senate  
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
United States Senate  
170 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kat Cammack  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2421 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Seth Magaziner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1218 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Markey and Capito and Representatives Cammack and Magaziner:

We, the undersigned organizations, write in support of the bipartisan Alleviating Barriers for Caregivers (ABC) Act (S. 3109/H.R. 8018). We appreciate your leadership to reduce the red tape and strain faced by our nation's family caregivers.

Family caregivers assist their parents, spouses, siblings, grandparents, adult children, and other loved ones of all ages so they can live independently in their homes – where they want to be. Caregivers provide an estimated [\\$600 billion](#) in unpaid labor annually, saving taxpayers billions. Without them, America's health and long-term care systems would collapse. Caregivers help with everything including meals, bathing, dressing, medications and medical care, chores, finances, grocery shopping, transportation, and much more.

[Over half](#) (56 percent) of family caregivers advocate on behalf of their loved one with care providers, community services, or government agencies. [One in four](#) want help figuring out forms, paperwork, and eligibility for services. [Nearly one-third](#) of those coordinating care find it difficult to do so. Caregivers say they are [stressed](#) emotionally, overwhelmed by responsibilities, and financially strained. [Time](#) is also a top challenge for them. That's why the Alleviating Barriers for Caregivers Act is so needed.

The ABC Act would help reduce red tape by requiring the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) to review eligibility determinations and application processes, procedures, forms, and communications for Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Social Security programs to reduce administrative challenges for caregivers. They must report to Congress within a year of enactment on issues identified and findings, actions they are taking, an estimated timeframe for completion, and any recommended changes in federal law to address identified issues.

We support the Alleviating Barriers for Caregivers Act and look forward to working with you to enact it. This legislation could help save family caregivers time and reduce the stress they experience while caregiving, as well as make it easier for them to help their loved ones access important benefits for which they are eligible. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Richards with AARP at [rrichards@aarp.org](mailto:rrichards@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

AARP  
ACCSES  
ADAPT Montana  
Aging Life Care Association®  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
ALS Association  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)  
American Parkinson Disease Association  
American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy  
American Society on Aging  
Angelman Syndrome Foundation  
Asian Counseling and Referral Service  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition of South Puget Sound  
Asia Pacific Cultural Center  
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition - Pierce County  
Asians for Collective Liberation in Spokane  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Autism Society of America  
Autism Speaks  
Black Women's Roundtable  
Cactus Cancer Society  
Caregiven  
Care in Action  
Caregiver Action Network  
Caring Across Generations  
Center for Asian Pacific American Women  
Center for Black Equity  
Center for Medicare Advocacy  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Chinese Community Center, Inc.  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
CISC  
Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness (CESIL)

Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)  
Community Catalyst  
Compassion & Choices  
Davis Phinney Foundation for Parkinson's  
Disability Policy Consortium  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF)  
Diverse Elders Coalition  
Elizabeth Dole Foundation  
Family Caregiver Alliance  
Family Voices  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics  
Gerontological Society of America  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
Huntington's Disease Society of America  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Justice in Aging  
Lakeshore Foundation  
LeadingAge  
Little Tokyo Service Center  
Medical Alley  
Medicare Rights Center  
Midwest Asian Health Association  
Mom's Hierarchy of Needs  
myFloc  
National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys  
National Alliance for Caregiving  
National Association for Home Care & Hospice  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Coalition on Black Civic Participation  
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare  
National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care  
National Council on Aging  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Domestic Workers Alliance  
National Down Syndrome Congress  
National Federation of Filipino American Associations  
National Health Council  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National PACE Association  
National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
National Respite Coalition

National Spine Health Foundation  
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies  
New Disabled South  
NMDP (formerly National Marrow Donor Program)  
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers  
ShareTheCaregiving  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)  
Special Needs Alliance  
The Arc of the United States  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
Triage Cancer  
United Cerebral Palsy  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
USAging  
Village to Village Network  
Well Spouse Association  
Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement