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The Honorable Tom Harkin
Chairman, Senate Committee on
Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on
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The Honorable Bernard Sanders
Chairman, Subcommittee on
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The Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
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Dear Senators Harkin, Alexander, Sanders, and Burr:

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) is pleased to support S.1562, the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act of 2013. Reauthorization of the OAA is vital to the health, well-being and independence of millions of seniors across the country.

NANASP is a 1,100-member national nonpartisan, nonprofit, membership organization for persons across the country working to provide older adults healthful food and nutrition through community-based services. Its members, as individuals, agencies and organizations, represent a diverse coalition of those interested in senior nutrition programs. We believe in the efficacy and importance of these programs and applaud your efforts to strengthen them. We particularly commend you for maintaining the status quo of voluntary contributions to nutrition programs and keeping Titles III(C)(1) and III(C)(2) separate, for encouraging the use of locally grown fresh foods in nutrition programs, for updating bill language to “utilize” dieticians, and for directing the Administration on Aging to include training for service providers on elder abuse in their area plans.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Committee throughout the process of reauthorization. We appreciate your strong leadership and your dedication to seniors.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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