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AARP Lauds Senate Action on OAA Reauthorization Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — AARP applauds the U.S. Senate for expediting passage of the long-awaited bipartisan legislation **reauthorizing the Older Americans Act (OAA)**. Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amended version of S. 192, legislation that passed unanimously in the Senate in July 2015.

“AARP urges President Obama to quickly sign this bill,” said AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins. “We are appreciative of the bipartisan work to get this bill passed. Reauthorizing the OAA will help the millions of vulnerable older Americans who depend on the programs and services that the OAA helps to fund.

“We appreciate the hard work of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. We would especially like to thank Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA) for their extensive leadership through this process and for working to improve the lives of millions of older Americans,” said Jenkins.

Since the OAA was enacted into law in 1965, millions of at-risk older Americans have benefited from the services it helps to fund, including Meals-on-Wheels, preventive health and transportation services, family caregiver assistance, elder abuse prevention and detection, and **part-time community service employment and training**.

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