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AARP Statement on 2018 Midterm Elections

Voters Age 50 and Over The Deciding Factor in Outcomes

En español | **WASHINGTON, DC**—Today AARP Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer Nancy LeaMond released the following statement about the 2018 midterm elections:

“On behalf of our 38 million members, AARP congratulates the newly elected and returning members of Congress, governors, and state and local officials across the country. We look forward to working with them to address the issues that matter most to older Americans and their families.

“Year after year, Americans age 50 and older make up the majority of voters, and as a result, are a deciding factor in our elections. That was true again last night, with national exit polls showing that 50-plus voters made up 56 percent of the electorate.

“Throughout the year, according to our surveys, significant majorities of older voters consistently said that division in America and health care costs are key concerns. We urge policymakers to come together to lower prescription drug costs, protect people with pre-existing conditions, protect them from an age tax, and strengthen and safeguard Medicare and Social Security.”

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About AARP

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation's largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit www.aarp.org or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

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