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Dear Congressman Smith,

I am writing as a resident of Ocean County, New Jersey, to urge you to support continued and increased funding for Older American Act (OAA) programs in the FY 2026 federal budget. These programs are critical to the health, safety, and independence of older adults and family caregivers in our community.

Ocean County has one of the largest older adult populations in New Jersey — nearly a third of our residents are over the age of 60. Many depend on the services provided through the Ocean County Office of Senior Services and its local partners, including home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation to medical appointments, in-home care, wellness programs, caregiver support, and information and referral assistance. These programs, funded through the OAA, help people remain in their homes and stay connected to their community.

As the cost of living continues to rise and our population of older adults grows, stable and increased federal funding is essential. I ask that you support the highest possible funding levels for OAA programs. These programs make a real difference for individuals and families across Ocean County every day.

Thank you for your continued support for older adults and caregivers. Your leadership helps ensure that people in Ocean County — and across New Jersey — can age with dignity, independence, and the support they need.

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