



## URGE INCREASED FUNDING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

Call your program's U.S. Senators and Representative(s) today using the call script below and urge them to increase funding for Meals on Wheels programs.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Contact your program's Members of Congress' Washington, D.C. offices or dial the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be directly connected.
  - When calling the switchboard, you will be required to share your zip code and indicate that you want to speak with your House Representative or Senators.
- We're encouraging you to make at least three phone calls to reach the two Senators for your state and the Representative(s) for your district(s). Please note that depending on your program's service area, you may have multiple Representatives.

### PHONE SCRIPT

Hello. My name is [YOUR NAME], calling from [YOUR PROGRAM] in [CITY, STATE]. I'm calling to ask your boss to support increasing funding for Older Americans Act programs, like Meals on Wheels, in Fiscal Year 2024.

The OAA has been foundational in providing social and nutrition services to seniors for over 50 years. The lack of needed funding has led to waitlists and service cutbacks for local programs like ours. One in three Meals on Wheels programs currently have a waitlist, with older adults waiting an average of three months for meals. We request an increase to \$1.284 billion for the OAA Nutrition Program in FY 24 to continue providing nutritious meals and social connections to our aging neighbors. *[Share what impact increased funding would have, or the lack of funding has had, on your local program and the seniors you serve.]*

The seniors in our state are counting on the support and increased funding. Thank you for your time!

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