



Endorsing Organizations for Senator Gillibrand's *Strategic Plan for Aging Act*

*"The American Society on Aging (ASA), the nation's largest multidisciplinary association of professionals working with and on behalf of older people, knows the importance of cross-sector solutions to support our changing, aging demographics. We thank Senator Gillibrand and colleagues for their leadership introducing *The Strategic Plan for Aging Act*, which will help states develop comprehensive strategic plans to address the needs of older adults now and in the future,"* said **Leanne Clark-Shirley, PhD, President & CEO, American Society on Aging.**

*"The Coalition proudly supports Senators Gillibrand and Casey's *Strategic Plan for Aging Act*, recognizing the need for cross-sector collaboration and investments to address social isolation and loneliness in older adults. We commend the Senators for developing a strategy and allocating resources to encourage such collaboration, and we look forward to working together to ensure the legislation's passage,"* said **Jillian Racoosin, Executive Director of the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness.**

*"DMT supports the *Strategic Plan on Aging Act*. It is truly strategic in that it helps support state Master Plans on Aging that can lead to systems that improve access to high-quality nutrition services and malnutrition care that will allow all a chance at healthy aging and continued independence as they grow older. We urge its passage."* - **Defeat Malnutrition Today.**

*"EJC supports the *Strategic Plan on Aging Act*. Establishing a federal grant program to develop state Master/ Multisector plans on aging can empower states and local communities to give priority to elder abuse prevention."* - **Elder Justice Coalition**

"Multisector plans for aging are blueprints for a better future for all of us as we age," said **Lindsay A. Goldman, CEO of Grantmakers In Aging (GIA), the premier organization working at the intersection of aging and philanthropy.** *"GIA strongly endorses the investments in the *Strategic Plan for Aging Act* and looks forward to continuing to work with public and private sector funders to build a more age-integrated society one state at a time."*

"As our population ages and the demand for health services continues to change, older Americans need effective coordination of resources to help them live healthy lives," said

HANYS President Bea Grause, RN, JD. *“The Strategic Plan for Aging Act will encourage states to follow New York’s lead and collaborate on solutions that address key factors impacting our aging population’s health, including nutrition and food security, housing, transportation, income security and healthcare. We applaud Sen. Gillibrand’s leadership on this issue and her commitment to supporting the health and well-being of New York’s older adults.”*

“Setting aside grant to tribes and enhancing coordination between states and tribes is key to healthy aging for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian elders. The International Association for Indigenous Aging strongly supports efforts to develop comprehensive multi-sector plans on aging that support our elders both on and off tribal lands,” **said Bill Benson, Chair International Association for Indigenous Aging.**

“America is experiencing a massive demographic shift that brings opportunity and implications for every aspect of society—but the country is not yet prepared. The Strategic Plan for Aging Act addresses the urgent need for states to develop smart, integrated approaches to ensure that tomorrow’s older adults—in all their growing diversity—age equitably with health, independence and safety. On behalf of nonprofit, mission-driven aging services providers across a range of care settings and community types, we applaud Senators Gillibrand and Casey’s vision, and urge every other Senator to follow their lead,” **said Katie Smith Sloan, President and CEO, LeadingAge, the association of nonprofit providers of aging services.**

“The National Adult Protective Services Association applauds efforts to build multisector plans for aging that include addressing elder justice and reducing elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. We look forward to the continued involvement of Adult Protective Services agencies in the development and implementation of multisector plans for aging,” **said Jennifer Spoori, Executive Director National Adult Protective Services Association .**

“One in six Americans shoulder caregiving responsibilities for older loved ones, often navigating fragmented systems for healthcare and aging services,” **said Jason Resendez, President & CEO of the National Alliance for Caregiving.** *“The Strategic Plan for Aging Act will play an essential role in helping state and local governments create comprehensive, multi-sector plans to build a stronger care infrastructure and improve service coordination for millions of older adults and their caregivers.”*

“NANASP is proud to endorse the Strategic Plan on Aging Act and commend Chairman Casey and Senator Gillibrand for their foresight in incentivizing states to develop and implement Master/ Multisector plans on aging. States are often laboratories of good ideas when it comes to aging services and programs. The SPOA would allow these good ideas to lead to better policy by providing federal grant support. We hope this bill can either pass on its own or be part of the upcoming Older Americans Act reauthorization.” - **National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP)**

“In order to adequately and aggressively address the needs of our Nation’s aging population, it requires the engagement and support from a multitude of public institutions, private sector partners and non-profit organizations. The states are the most important and

appropriate entities to identify and enlist the specific and appropriate stakeholders to undertake this vital challenge." - **National Foundation to End Senior Hunger**

"As the population aged 65 years and older continues to grow, New York StateWide Senior Action Council supports the Strategic Plan for Aging Act as necessary, responsible and prudent planning and implementation of programs that will ensure that over 75 million Americans age with dignity in this country." - **New York StateWide Senior Action Council**

"This strategic plan is a game changer for older adults and people with disabilities to get the services they need and actively participate in their communities. It establishes a blueprint for establishing better opportunities and a better life for the growing number of older adults with and without disabilities," **said Nancy D. Miller, LMSW she/her Volunteer President, New York Vision Rehabilitation Association.**

"The NYC Department for the Aging remains deeply committed to advancing the New York State Master Plan for Aging to help ensure the multi-dimensional needs of older adults, including access to healthy aging and community programs are fully considered as a primary focus" **said NYC Aging Commissioner Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez.** *"And as the country's older adult population continues to grow, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Strategic Plan for Aging Act (SPAA) will help ensure states across the country have a mechanism by which older adults, whose needs are as diverse as they are, can age-in-place in the homes and in the communities they helped build."*

"The Strategic Plan for Aging Act holds significant promise for Pennsylvania. With the implementation of Aging Our Way PA, a visionary cross-sector plan designed for the next decade, Pennsylvania aims to comprehensively address the diverse and evolving needs of our older adult population. This strategic initiative reflects a commitment to enhancing the quality of life for older adults by fostering an environment that prioritizes their well-being, healthcare, and overall community engagement. The Strategic Plan for Aging Act thus serves as a cornerstone for the state's concerted efforts to build a more inclusive and age-friendly society, ensuring that Pennsylvania remains a place where older adults can continue to thrive," **said Rebecca May-Cole, Executive Director, PA Association of Area Agencies on Aging.**

"As one of the largest providers of affordable senior housing in western NY, along with respite programs for people with Alzheimers and dementia, we applaud Senator Gillibrand for her endless determination to address New York State's and our country's age crisis," **said Anne McCaffret, President and CEO of People Inc.** *"The Strategic Plan for Aging Act and the funding opportunities that will come with it, will allow providers like us to partner with the federal government so that elderly western NY'ers can have the highest quality of life that they deserve."*