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**Bipartisan Legislation Offering Critical Support for Older Americans
Passes in Senate, House**
*Alzheimer's Association Applauds Congressional Passage of the Older Americans Act
Reauthorization Act of 2016*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Alzheimer's Association and its nationwide network of advocates celebrate the passage of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Reauthorization Act of 2016. The OAA provides for crucial federal funding and the necessary infrastructure to deliver vital support programs and social services to our nation's seniors, including those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Following this bipartisan effort in both the Senate and House, the legislation will now be sent to President Obama for his signature.

"We thank the Congressional leaders who worked hard to reauthorize the Older Americans Act," said Robert Egge, Alzheimer's Association Chief Public Policy Officer. "The OAA provides essential support for older Americans in need including the more than five million Americans living with Alzheimer's disease as well as their over 15 million unpaid caregivers. This important legislation will provide funding and assistance for many critical programs and services vital to those living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and to their caregivers."

These critical programs are used by millions of Americans and provide for such services as nutrition programs, senior centers and caregiver supports. Originally enacted in 1965, the OAA provides federal funding for many of the services seniors rely on, including the National Family Caregiver Support Program, which helps support low-income seniors with dementia.

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The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. It is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research. The Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Its vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

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