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LeadingAge California Statement on Passage of Budget Reconciliation Bill

Sacramento, CA —Today's passage of the budget reconciliation bill by the U.S. Congress was unconscionable. This legislation will threaten the health and well-being of older adults and people with disabilities across the country, as well as livelihood of thousands of caregivers across the state.

Alongside our mission-driven provider members, we strongly opposed the bill's sweeping Medicaid cuts and harmful policy changes that may result in an estimated 16 million people losing coverage, including 3.5 million in California. While the full impact on California's state budget remains uncertain, we expect significant funding cuts in the months ahead — cuts that will place immense pressure on the systems caring for our most vulnerable.

"These devastating cuts will be deeply felt by our non-profit members, the caregiving workforce and the older adults they serve, particularly those low-income and most in need." said Jeannee Parker Martin, President & CEO, LeadingAge California.

LeadingAge California remains steadfast in our commitment to advancing state and federal policies that increase access to vital long-term services and supports, ensuring older adults have the opportunity to thrive.

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About LeadingAge California

Founded in 1961, LeadingAge California is the state's leading advocate for mission-driven housing, care, and services for older adults. Our nearly 800 members across the state include providers of affordable senior housing, residential care facilities for the elderly (assisted living), life plan communities, skilled nursing care, home and community-based services, home health and hospice care. It launched the Age On. Rage On. campaign to spotlight the urgent need to develop a Master Plan for Aging in California.