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February 5, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-232  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol Building, Room: H-204  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of ADvancing States, I am writing you in support of efforts to reestablish the House Permanent Select Committee on Aging. ADvancing States is a nonpartisan association of state government agencies that represents the nation's 56 state and territorial agencies on aging and disabilities. We work to support visionary state leadership, the advancement of state systems innovation, and the development of national policies that support home and community-based services for older adults and persons with disabilities. Our members administer a wide range of services and supports for older adults and people with disabilities, including overseeing Older Americans Act (OAA) programs and services in every state. Together with our members, we work to design, improve, and sustain state systems delivering long-term services and supports for people who are older or have a disability and for their caregivers.

We are writing to you to strongly encourage you to pass a bill to reestablish the Permanent Select Committee on Aging in the House. As you know, from 1974 to 1993 the panel was active and conducted critical work on issues facing older Americans. The U.S. Senate has also operated the Special Committee on Aging since 1977.

Now is the time to reestablish the House Aging Committee. Ten-thousand Americans are turning 65 every day, and the demand for services and supports will continue to rise. These demographic trends will place additional strain on already burdened programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. There is a need to better coordinate policy and supports for older Americans. The House can play a bigger part of the solution by reconvening the aging committee.



We appreciate being able to provide feedback on this important topic and encourage bipartisan efforts to reestablish the House Aging Committee.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Adam Mosey at [amosey@advancingstates.org](mailto:amosey@advancingstates.org) or 202-898-2578.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha Roherty".

Martha Roherty  
Executive Director  
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Cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives