



February 15, 2023

Mr. Gautam Raghavan  
Director, White House Presidential Personnel Office  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Raghavan,

On February 1, the now 68-member Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO) recently wrote to the White House expressing the coalition's desire to see [nominees installed at the Social Security Administration \(SSA\) and the Administration on Community Living \(ACL\)](#). As ACL and SSA collectively oversee broad swaths of older adult policy, and it is vitally important that the two agencies have the full complement of legislatively mandated professionals in place to ensure older adults are receiving the services and supports they need. This is especially critical given continuing COVID-19 concerns. Further, Senate-confirmed leaders would provide greater stability and clearer authority during the remainder of this Administration.

The national aging organizations listed below would also like to strongly urge the Administration to consider Alison Barkoff, Acting Assistant Secretary on Aging & Administrator of ACL, as the nominee for ACL. Alison has a strong and established track record on issues related to community living and has been an impressive, collaborative leader on a range of important aging and disability issues in her Acting capacity for the last two years. In the next two years, it will be paramount to the lives of older adults and individuals with disabilities to have a Senate confirmed nominee in place at ACL to fully exercise the leadership needed to maximize the department's mission. Alison Barkoff would be excellent, and we are prepared to share our support, if the Administration nominates her for Senate confirmation.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request. Please let us know if a visit would be helpful to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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