



June 13, 2010

The Honorable Debbie A. Stabenow  
 United States Senate  
 133 Senate Hart Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stabenow:

I write today on behalf of the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA), our members, and the seniors, family caregivers, and persons with disabilities they serve. Together, we urge you to introduce the Senate version of H.Res.1342, "*the Seniors' Bill of Rights*."

**By introducing this resolution, Congress and the nation will be voicing a commitment to upholding the dignity and independence of older Americans.**

NASUA represents the 56 officially designated state and territorial agencies on aging. Each of our members oversees the implementation of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and many of our members serve as the operating agency in their states for Medicaid home and community based services waivers that serve older adults, and in some cases, individuals with disabilities.

We commend **Senator Stabenow** (D-MI) for her continued efforts to protect and advance the rights of Older Americans. As a national leader, Senator Stabenow has championed legislation to lower health care costs and improve access to home and community-based services for seniors, such as *Project 2020*, S. 1257.

The *Seniors' Bill of Rights* is a necessary step to advancing the needs and rights of older Americans. The resolution recognizes federal programs that support older Americans in leading active lives and sets guiding principles to promote efforts that guarantee seniors: financial security; quality and affordable health and long-term care; protection from abuse, scams, and exploitation; a strong economy now and for future generations; and safe and livable communities with adequate housing and transportation options for older Americans.

We applaud you in your efforts and urge you to introduce this important and timely resolution.

Sincerely,

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

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