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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman, Committee on Education & the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Scott
Ranking Member, Committee on Education & the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Scott:

On behalf of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), representing the nation's regional planning organizations and their local elected officials, I am writing to let you know of our support for S.192, the *Older Americans Act* (OAA) reauthorization legislation, which is scheduled to be considered in the House next week. We support this legislation because it will allow our members, regional planning organizations and councils of governments (COGs) which house a substantial number of Area Agencies on Aging, to continue to offer essential services to the senior community at the local level. NARC members thank you and your staff for your efforts in arriving at a bill we believe deserves the vote of all House members.

We are pleased that S. 192 is a bipartisan bill that continues to provide a broad range of services for older adults, including congregate and home-delivered meals, transportation, in-home health assistance, adult daycare, employment services and housing assistance. At a time when the population of seniors is growing dramatically, it is essential that the *Older Americans Act* be reauthorized. Encouraging and facilitating the ability of older adults to live independently is important to both older Americans and the communities in which they live.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wollack
Executive Director

cc: House Members