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**Memorandum in Support of S. 4981**

**An Act to amend the elder law, in relation to model zoning and planning  
guidelines that foster age-integrated communities**

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 4981, legislation to establish model zoning and planning guidelines that foster age-integrated communities.

As the population of New York ages, it is important to keep local communities planning and zoning guidelines sufficiently flexible to allow for mixed use development to accommodate accessory senior citizen units of housing and age-integrated projects.

Affordable and accessible housing is increasingly difficult for seniors to find. This legislation encourages more flexible zoning and planning that will foster integration instead of isolation and will afford communities the opportunity to look at new ways to incorporate senior housing with their community development plans.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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