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Memorandum in Support of S. 7647

**An Act to amend the elder law, in relation to the naturally occurring
retirement community supportive service program**

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging supports S. 7647, legislation to remove head of household requirement from the definition of "Elderly Person" as a qualifier for eligibility in participating in a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC).

Removal of the head of household requirement for participation in NORC supportive services will allow those seniors who are over 60 but no longer a head of household to become actively involved. Allowing more people to participate in these important socialization programs will prevent social isolation and delay institutionalization of senior citizens.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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