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Memorandum in Support of S. 8033

**An Act to amend the election law, in relation to absentee voting in
nursing homes and senior citizen residences**

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 2056-B, legislation to increase voting by senior citizens and other residents of nursing homes and senior citizen residences who are unable to go to the polls by assisting them in applying for absentee ballots, delivering such ballots to them, and assisting them in completing and casting the ballot.

This legislation is important for those seniors that have transitioned from community based living to a nursing home since the last election. Once in a nursing home they are unable to have access to polling places in order to vote and often are not able to complete the process of applying for an absentee ballot unassisted. Seniors still have the right to vote and by bringing the process to them, they will still be able to exercise this right.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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