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Memorandum in Support of S. 5174

Establishes the capital infrastructure improvement and development for older New Yorkers grant program

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 5174, legislation which would amend the elder law and the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the capital infrastructure improvement and development (CIID) for older New Yorkers grant program. This program would administer available funds to encourage improvements in the operation and efficiency of the aging service provider network in New York State.

The funds awarded under this program are to be devoted to ensuring the quality of community based service provided through the aging network and to assist seniors in living independently and in their communities. As the population of older New Yorkers continues to rise, it is important that the state provide support to services offered by community-based aging network providers.

The primary goal of CIID NY to improve the community-based continuum of services that utilizes meals delivery, social adult day services, case management, senior centers, transportation, and other non-medical services to manage the needs of older New Yorkers is crucial to achieving the goal of allowing seniors to age in place at a significantly reduced cost to institutional care. Providing funding to the aging service provider network will improve the infrastructure need to maintain programs over the long term.

This program relies on funding already authorized under the public authorities law for the issuance of bonds for the health care efficiency and affordability law for New Yorkers (HEAL NY) capital grant program.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports the bill.

Sincerely,

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