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**n4a CEO, Sandy Markwood to Appear at Senate Special Committee on Aging Forum:
*Keeping America's Seniors Moving: Examining Ways to Improve Senior Transportation***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – n4a CEO, Sandy Markwood, will appear today at a forum sponsored by Senator Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, focusing on older adult transportation. The forum starts at 2:30 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the forum is to examine the current state of transportation programs for older adults, assess gaps and best practices, and explore public policy options for keeping America's older adults mobile. The forum is very timely with Congress expected to consider later this year the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the major piece of legislation on federal surface transportation projects. n4a has worked with a coalition of other national advocacy groups to call greater attention to senior transportation needs, and looks forward to expressing its views today on the critical issue of providing older adults with more available and accessible transportation that meets their needs.

Chairman Craig will give opening remarks and then turn the forum over to moderator, Katherine Siggerud, acting director of the Physical Infrastructure Team of the General Accounting Office.

In addition to Ms. Markwood, the panel includes: Bryna Helfer, Transportation Services Advisor to Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer Dorn, Dr. Helen Kerschner, President and CEO of the Beverly Foundation, Stephan Kline, Legislative Director for the United Jewish Communities Washington Office, Jon Burkhardt, Senior Study Director of the WESTAT Research Corporation, Dr. Sandra Rosenbloom, Director of the Roy P. Drachman Institute for Land and Regional Development at the University of Arizona, and Terri Lynch, Director of the Arlington County, Virginia, Area Agency on Aging.

The forum will be carried live on C-SPAN 3. Those with Internet access can view the forum online at: <http://www.c-span.org/watch/index.asp?Cat=TV&Code=CS3>.

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