



May 6: Older Adult Advocacy Day in Springfield, Seeking a \$10M Increase for Home Delivered Meals

Dear Advocates and Partners,

On May 6 we were proud to join aging network leaders from across the state in Springfield for Older Adult Advocacy Day. The primary focus of the day was securing support for a \$10M increase for home-delivered meals. The Illinois Association for Area Agencies on Aging (I4A) created a sign-on letter for legislators to join if they support the increase. A copy of the letter is attached to this message.



Diane Slezak and other leaders from I4A held meetings with legislators representing communities across the State from Carbondale to Crystal Lake. Here is Diane with Senator Mike Porfiro, 11th District. Senator Porfiro, along with 34 other legislators both Republican and Democrat have signed on to the letter so far.



At 11am there was a press conference in the Capitol's Blue Room. I4A directors and aging network staff from across the state spoke about the urgent need for more funding for home delivered meals. We were honored to be joined by Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, Senator Doris Turner and Assistant Majority Leader Camille Lilly (shown here) who all shared words of support.



To see a recording of the press conference, please go the AgeOptions Facebook page.

We are grateful to all advocates, partners, and allies who helped elevate the voices of older adults across Illinois.

Take Action

We have created a simple way for you to either thank your legislators for supporting the \$10M increase for home delivered meals or asking them to do the right thing and sign on. Just click the TAKE ACTION button below, enter your address and the software will make sure you are sending the right message.

* TAKE ACTION *

Thank you for standing with us to support aging in community.
Sincerely,

The AgeOptions Advocacy Team

