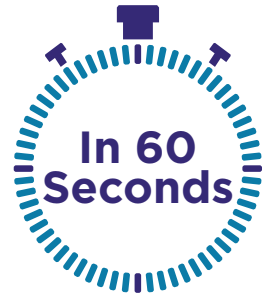


IndependentWomen® The American Caregivers Act



What's at Stake

Families across the country are facing a growing caregiving crisis. Millions of older Americans want to remain in their homes as they age but have become part of a missed population that falls through the cracks of the current system. These seniors need affordable, non-medical support with everyday activities such as companionship, transportation, meal preparation, errands, and light housekeeping, yet too often that support is simply out of reach.

- The demand for caregivers is growing as America's population ages.
- Middle-income families are often priced out of private care but do not qualify for public assistance.
- Outdated labor and regulatory policies make it hard to expand affordable, flexible caregiving options.
- Too many older Americans are forced to choose between going without support or moving into more costly, less desirable institutional care, which often requires taxpayer support.

A Better Approach

The American Caregivers Act will expand access to affordable, flexible, non-medical in-home care, without creating a new federal spending program.

The Act establishes a framework for vetted caregivers and older adults to voluntarily participate in supervised live-in caregiving arrangements. Sponsor organizations would recruit, screen, match, train, and oversee caregivers while providing safeguards for everyone involved.

The Act also removes unnecessary legal and regulatory barriers that have made it more difficult for families to access affordable in-home care and creates new opportunities for college students seeking meaningful work and flexible housing.

By expanding caregiving options, supporting family choice, and reducing reliance on costly institutional care, the American Caregivers Act would help older Americans age with dignity, independence, and the support they need to remain at home.

Addressing Misperceptions

MISPERCEPTIONS	FACTS
This would replace existing caregiving programs.	The American Caregivers Act fills a forgotten gap in our long-term care system. It is designed to complement, not replace, family caregivers and existing services by expanding affordable, non-medical support that helps more older Americans make remaining at home a realistic option for longer.
Live-in caregiving arrangements would put seniors or caregivers at risk.	The American Caregivers Act relies on vetted caregivers, sponsor oversight, structured training, and clear program requirements to help protect both older adults and caregivers.
This sort of caregiver is not needed.	Many older Americans are part of a missed population that often cannot find or afford the non-medical support they need to remain independent. The American Caregivers Act expands caregiving options so more seniors can age in place.