

TESTIMONY TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER

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On behalf of the 3000 seniors we serve in Los Angeles we request you consider their unique nutritional and social needs in any final hunger and food insecurity recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

We are at a critical juncture in our nation's history, when both the need and demand for nutritious meals are already substantial and often unmet. We all know that proper nutrition is critical to health and well being. For seniors, even a slight reduction in nutritional intake can exacerbate health challenges, increasing risk of hospitalization and/or nursing home care. One year of Meals on Wheels is about the same cost as just one day in a hospital or one week in a long-term care facility. In California, 1.1 MILLION seniors are threatened by hunger.

Please:

1. Fund OAA Nutrition Programs at the Administration's FY 2016 request of \$854.6M
2. Reauthorize Older Americans Act,
3. End sequestration for FY 2016