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The formation of a state task force to develop a comprehensive plan on aging is now more critical than ever. The federal government is backing away from support of many programs we have come to rely upon, one of which is the Older Americans Act. Enacted in the 1960's by the Johnson administration, The Older Americans Act provides supportive services (funding) to assist older adults, their families, and the disabled to remain in their homes as long s possible. Congregate meals (a nutritious daily meal in the company of others, thus reducing isolation), support for family caregivers, transportation, and many other resources to support the aging population. With federal funding for these services in question, it is vital we take preemptive measures to plan for the future. I wholeheartedly support and encourage the formation of a state plan on aging.