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As the executive director of Store to Door, a Portland-based nonprofit, that serves low income and homebound seniors I am profoundly concerned with the lack of infrastructure that is in place to support seniors. I also believe that developing a Multi-Sector Plan for Aging that serves all Oregonians is a critical first step in addressing the current fragment efforts to meet the needs of again seniors. The experiences of other states suggests that developing a statewide aging plan, if the identified priorities are subsequently and adequately funded by policy makers, provides accountability, public reporting, and can use data to track outcomes that help adjust the plan strategies. As more seniors are aging into poverty with inadequate social supports, coupled with a increasing uncertainty of the federal government to support our aging population, this plan will become more essential to protecting the seniors of Oregon. I urge the development of this Taskforce to develop a Multi-Sector Plan for Aging. .

Sincerely,
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