





Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging

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The Illinois Association of Area Agencies on Aging urge you to invest in our family caregivers of older adults. It is crucial that we support and provide resources for these individuals who tirelessly care for their loved ones. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it will also save the state money in the long run by avoiding the cost of Medicaid for a skilled care facility.

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Support <u>HB 2551</u> & <u>SB 2545</u>

Support \$6 million to fund the Illinois Family Caregiver Act

Family caregivers provide a vital service, and it is our responsibility to support them.

We also want to emphasize the importance of the state's Area Agencies on Aging and their T-Care screening tool. This evidence-based tool has proven to be an invaluable resource for aging service providers, enabling them to better support and assist caregivers. By investing in these agencies, we can ensure that unpaid family caregivers receive the help they need to provide the best care possible for their loved ones.

Investing in family caregivers is not only the right thing to do, but it is also a wise financial decision for the state. Let us work together to support our aging population and their caregivers and improve the quality of life for all.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

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