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NAPSA Supports Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2026

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) enthusiastically endorses the Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2026 (HR 8060) introduced by Representatives Richard Neal and Suzanne Bonamici.

Jennifer Spoeri, NAPSA Executive Director, said, “We applaud the continued leadership by Representatives Neal and Bonamici in supporting Adult Protective Services (APS) and addressing abuse, exploitation, and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities. Direct federal funding to APS programs has supported crucial services in APS from technology improvements to emergency services for victims. The increases authorized in this bill move us forward in supporting a robust APS program that empowers older adults and people with disabilities facing abuse, neglect, and exploitation. APS remains a backbone of support for older adults and people with disabilities.”

The Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2026 proposes increased funding to support APS at the state and local levels for each year through federal fiscal year 2030. The bill authorizes \$500 million per fiscal year, an increase over the current statute and past proposals, with a reserved set aside of 2% support tribal APS programs. NAPSA calls for APS program funding to support all APS programs serving older adults and adults with disabilities at the state, local, and tribal levels.

Bill Benson, NAPSA National Policy Advisor, said “The support of Representatives Neal and Bonamici, the committee, and many others have been critical in addressing abuse, exploitation, and neglect of older adults and adults with disabilities. The funding levels proposed would immensely help states – and tribes – to effectively respond to the growing numbers of reports being made to APS across the nation. An authorization of \$500 million is moving in the right direction but much more is needed. It is essential that APS receives an increase in appropriations as well, beyond the inadequate \$15 million currently.”

We need you to get involved! Reach out to your members of Congress to co-sponsor this bill. Use this action center (<https://bit.ly/2026EJRMA>) from NAPSA and the Elder Justice Coalition to easily reach out and customize a message on why APS is important in your community.

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