

Whereas, The Senate reactivated the reauthorization issue in July when its Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions approved a bill to require funding for national legal assistance support, maintaining that continued legal services to the elderly was deemed a priority; and Whereas, The bill would only reduce financial support for legal services if volunteer services could meet older people's legal needs; and Whereas, The ABA asserts that, while the Senate bill on legal services and advocacy provisions is an improvement over the House measure, it is still concerned about provisions that would curtail the responsibilities of state legal assistance developers by deleting all references to their role in advocating for elder rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Congress of the United States to reauthorize the Older Americans Act ("OAA") and to include support for legal assistance and elder rights advocacy programs in the reauthorized legislation.

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