# HOW DEMOCRATS' AGENDA BENEFITS OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALASKA

#### THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Made available \$37.4 million to Alaska to invest in home and community-based services to expand access to care for seniors and people with disabilities and raise wages for workers. <sup>1</sup>



#### **Vaccinations**



Over 85% of all Alaska seniors are vaccinated, better protecting them from COVID-19.



#### **Protection for Residents**

Made available \$1.1 million to help protect nursing home residents from COVID-19.<sup>3</sup>



### **Senior & Caregiver Services**

Provided a \$3.2 million investment to support older adults and family caregivers in Alaska.<sup>4</sup>



## **Food Security**

Secured an \$3.7 million investment to provide nutritious meals to seniors in Alaska.<sup>5</sup>



### **Combating Elder Abuse**

Allocated landmark funding to better protect the one in ten older Americans who experience a form of elder abuse in a given year.<sup>6</sup>



# Help for Grandfamilies

Established a National Technical Assistance Center to help the more than 7,000 grandfamilies raising grandchildren in Alaska.<sup>7</sup>

# THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



### **High-speed Internet**

Will help the more than 20,000 Alaska households with at least one senior that report no internet access to obtain high-speed internet.<sup>8</sup>



#### Mass Transit

Will improve transit and make it more accessible for the more than 81,000 individuals in Alaska with disabilities through an investment of at least \$404 million.<sup>10</sup>

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