

HOW DEMOCRATS' AGENDA BENEFIT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Made available \$409.2 million to Massachusetts to invest in home and community-based services to expand access to care for seniors and people with disabilities and raise wages for workers.¹



Vaccinations

Over 93% of all Massachusetts seniors are vaccinated, better protecting them from COVID-19.²



Protection for Residents

Made available 11.6 million to help protect nursing home residents from COVID-19.³



Senior & Caregiver Services

Provided a \$13.4 million investment to support older adults and family caregivers in Massachusetts.⁴



Food Security

Secured a \$15.5 million investment to provide nutritious meals to seniors in Massachusetts.⁵



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.⁶



Help for Grandfamilies

Established a National Technical Assistance Center to help the more than 27,000 grandfamilies raising grandchildren in Massachusetts.⁷

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



High-speed Internet

Will help the more than 210,000 households with at least one senior that report no internet access to obtain high-speed internet.⁸



Mass Transit

Will improve transit and make it more accessible for the more than 787,000 individuals with disabilities in Massachusetts through an investment of at least \$2.8 billion.^{9,10}

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