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

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#### THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Enabled Pennsylvania to invest \$1.2 billion 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 92% of all Pennsylvania seniors are vaccinated, better protecting them from COVID-19.<sup>2</sup>



#### **Protection for Residents**

Made available \$20.8 million to help protect nursing home residents from COVID-19.



## Senior & Caregiver Services

Provided a \$27.3 million investment to support older adults and family caregivers across the Commonwealth.<sup>4</sup>



## **Food Security**

Secured a \$31.5 million investment to provide nutritious meals to older adults in Pennsylvania.<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 235,000 grandfamilies raising grandchildren in Pennsylvania.<sup>7</sup>

# THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT



#### **High-speed Internet**

Will help the more than 560,000 Pennsylvania 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 1.7 million Pennsylvanians with disabilities through an investment of at least \$3.2 billion.<sup>10</sup>

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