

# Campaign for Oregon's Seniors & People with Disabilities

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AARP Oregon

Advocacy Coalition of Seniors  
and People with Disabilities

Brain Injury Association of Oregon

Governor's Commission  
on Senior Services

Elders in Action Commission

Multnomah County Disability Services  
Advisory Council

O4AD (Oregon Association of Area  
Agencies on Aging and Disabilities)

Central Oregon Council on Aging

Clackamas County Social Services

Community Action Program East  
Central Oregon

Community Action Team

Community Connection  
of Northeast Oregon

Douglas County Senior &  
Disability Services

Grant County Seniors

Harney County Senior &  
Community Services Center

Klamath Basin Senior Citizens Council

Lake County Seniors

Lane Council of Governments  
– Senior and Disabled Services

Malheur Council on Aging

Mid-Columbia Council  
of Governments

Multnomah County  
Aging & Disability Services

NorthWest Senior & Disability Services

Oregon Cascades West  
Council of Governments  
– Senior & Disability Services

Rogue Valley Council of Governments  
– Senior & Disabled Services

South Coast Business Employment  
Corp. Area Agency on Aging

Washington County Department of  
Disability, Aging & Veteran Services

Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans

Oregon Alliance of Senior and  
Health Services

Oregon Health Care Association

Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens

Save Oregon Seniors

Service Employees International Union

United Seniors of Oregon

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*Statement from the Campaign for Oregon's Seniors and People with Disabilities on agency-proposed 30-percent reductions in the 2009-11 budget released today.*

Oregon is facing an economic crisis that requires tough decisions. However, the just announced proposal to cut 30 percent of human services will cost the state much more in the long run and leave tens of thousands of our most vulnerable citizens without adequate care.

We've got to find a mix that gets and keeps Oregon working – not draconian options like these 30-percent cuts that will only prolong and deepen Oregon's recession.

These cuts would push Oregon backward and create costly unintended consequences. In just services to seniors and people with disabilities alone:

Almost 17,000<sup>1</sup> workers would lose their jobs, and our local communities would lose \$900 million<sup>2</sup> in economic activity. And we'd be just leaving \$500 million<sup>3</sup> in federal matching funds on the table for other states to grab.

On top of that, we'd be dismantling the cost-effective and innovative home- and community-based system of long-term care that Oregon is known for and our seniors and people with disabilities, along with their families, rely on.

Oregon's communities and economy just can't afford to let this happen.

We must preserve services that improve the lives of our seniors and people with disabilities, save taxpayer dollars, protect and create jobs, and stimulate our economy.

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