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Subject: Comment on Master Plan for Aging

As the Executive Director of a mostly rural Area Agency on Aging (AAA), I find it important to express concerns related to the Master Plan for Aging and the structure of rural AAAs in the future.

Please consider the following points:

- PSA 2 AAA is formed under a Joint Powers Agreement between the 5 most northern counties of California. Four of the 5 counties are mostly rural and do not receive the funding needed to operate in an individual county-based structure.
- AAAs are not a one-size-fits-all operation. While urban AAAs operate under the structure and support of their own counties, PSA 2 AAA functions in a collaborative environment within its 5 counties in an effort to bring senior services to the most rural regions
- As the 3rd largest AAA in California covering 22,774 square miles, we invite Master Plan for Aging committee planners to visit the PSA 2 AAA region to experience the rural structure of the AAA and the isolated communities we serve
- An increase to the baseline funding of the AAAs from \$50,000 to \$150,00 would greatly benefit the overall structure of the AAAs in consideration of the Minimum Wage Increase which plagues every agency and business in California
- Testimonial from a senior participant in PSA 2 AAA's recent Needs Assessment Survey process: "I pray that [the] agency can help seniors with problems that [currently] make our lives unlivable. Thank you for caring!"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Master Plan for Aging scope of services.

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