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**To:** EngAGE@CDA  
**Subject:** Please do not support having a Triple A in every county

I was recently informed that the California Welfare Directors Association supports having a Triple A in every California County. I am writing to oppose this recommendation for the following reasons:

1. Funding for the existing Triple As is already poor. Funding is also frequently late which causes numerous program issues.
2. The Triple As (area agencies on aging) are not audited and before replicating problems, it is time that the Auditor General exam the Triple As across the state and report on the many problems. There are inconsistencies in how Triple As are run, and those inconsistencies constitute serious problems. Before increasing a program, it should be analyzed to see what problems and issues exist, and there are definitely problems and issues. The State has a problem of not examining existing programs to determine deficiencies in programs and funding. It is time to audit the Triple As.

My comments are based on being part of the Area 4 Advisory Committee where I was shocked to see funding and program problems. Area 4 addresses the needs of Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, and Yuba Counties. Many of us believe that Nevada and Sierra Counties should constitute their own Triple A. This brings up the issue of is it time to reorganize Triple As into better regional fits. Where would we benefit by combining regions and where would we benefit - as in the case of Area 4- of decreasing a Triple As size? These are more important and appropriate questions to ask rather than to have every California County have a Triple A. Thank you.

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