Support the aging network by:

Committing to age-friendly communities

Washington State leads the states for our Long-Term Services & Supports (LTSS) system —ranked 2nd in the nation for quality and cost effectiveness. We need revenue to ensure our communities can respond to both opportunities and challenges of our state's growing and vibrant aging population.

- **Support digital equity, housing affordability/homelessness prevention, accessible healthcare, public health, and climate change mitigation.**

Safeguarding LTSS Case Management Program

AAA case management is the core of our state's LTSS system. ADS and its subcontractors authorize and coordinate services that allow ~14,000 of the state's Medicaid clients to receive care in homes rather than costly institutional settings. The 2023 Legislature supported historic investments to the LTSS Case Management Program to establish an equitable baseline with DSHS case management programs and achieve a 75:1 caseload.

- **Ensure hard-won parity is reflected in future maintenance budgets.**

Protecting the Health Home Program

The Health Homes Program provides care coordination for people on both Medicaid and Medicare ("dual-eligibles") and have the most expensive chronic health problems. By reducing hospital, emergency department and nursing home visits, care coordinators saved $293M for Medicare alone in the first 7 years of the program. The program's return on investment is obvious, but low rates are creating barriers and exacerbating current workforce challenges.

- **Increase reimbursement rate for Health Home to accommodate rising cost of hiring and retaining qualified care coordinators in King County.**

Investing in the Dementia Catalyst Program

The 2021 Legislature funded a two-year pilot program to create or expand dementia-capable services at 2 AAA sites. This program is a vital lifeline for people Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their families.

- **Expand the Dementia Catalyst Program to 2 new sites to provide dementia-capable programming to a total of 4 AAA sites.**