

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING
REAUTHORIZATION LISTENING FORUM
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TESTIMONY
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OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

On behalf of the Title VI Program and the elders of the Omaha Indian Reservation in Nebraska, I am here to express the need for more funding to carry out nutrition and other services.

As a long standing document to serve the elderly of America, the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act should not have to be proven. Our elders are our proof of the need for such a document.

All resources we use are stretched to the max in order to meet our needs, Title VI, Title III, Title VI, etc.

The elderly don't ask or question where the money comes from, they leave this to those in the Administration to ensure the services are available for them.

Title VI, Part A and Part C, Caregiver are needed to carry out all the requirements of the Older Americans Act, with limited funding.

As Vice-Chairperson for the Title VI Association, we support the efforts of the Administration on Aging to reach the Native American elder population.

The need is great and we want to encourage the Secretary on Aging, Mrs. Greenlee, to support our efforts in meeting their needs.

Our numbers are growing, but the dollars are not.

Thank you Mrs., Greenlee for all your hard work. We support your efforts for our future.

If we can give any further assistance, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Thank you on behalf of the elderly, I serve.