



*Improving the Lives of Older Adults and People with Disabilities
Through Services, Research, and Education*

December 15, 2021

Bea Rector, Director
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Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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Dear Ms. Rector:

I am pleased to inform you that I approve the Washington State Unit on Aging OAA Title III waiver request for a one-year extension of the Washington State Plan on Aging as defined in Section 307 of the Older Americans Act.

I understand that the State has considered the positive and negative outcomes of this waiver application and that the current plan has been an effective tool in providing direction in state administration as well as with your community partners and will continue to provide this invaluable resource. Providing an extension will allow the state to capture the most accurate Census data into the planning process and more effectively incorporate a more robust survey that will target key groups, and allow stakeholder input with up-to-date demographics, particularly related to the new State Plan Equity section assigned in August 2021.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of older adults, persons with disabilities and their family caregivers in Washington. Should you have any questions, please contact Louise Ryan, Regional Administrator, Region X at Louise.Ryan@acl.hhs.gov or at 206-615-2299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison Barkoff".

Alison Barkoff
Principal Deputy Administrator

cc: Louise Ryan, ACL Regional Administrator, Region X