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The Honorable Charles Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States Senate
354 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Schumer and Gardner:

AARP, on behalf of our nearly 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, is pleased to support the Disability Integration Act (S. 117) and join the long list of organizations supporting this important legislation. We commend your bipartisan efforts to improve the lives of older adults and people with disabilities.

The vast majority of older adults want to live independently in their homes and communities. AARP supports the goals of the Disability Integration Act, which aims to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities who are in institutions or at risk of institutionalization are able to live in the home or communities where they want to be. Achieving the goals of this legislation will require efforts of local, state and the federal government, community-based services providers, insurers, managed care plans, housing providers, a workforce to support individuals living in the community, and more.

AARP appreciates your bipartisan leadership to help more individuals live in their homes and communities where they want to be. We look forward to working with you as Congress considers this bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact Rhonda Richards on our Government Affairs staff at (202) 434-3770 or richards@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

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