Our aging population is growing so rapidly that in the next decade, almost a third of New Mexicans will be 60 years or older. Despite that undeniable fact, state funding for senior services has not only stayed stagnant, but was cut several years ago and never restored. It is time for New Mexicans to demand our elected leaders support the services that will enable older adults and adults living with disabilities—some of New Mexico’s most vulnerable people—to lead meaningful, full lives.

In the coming 2020 Legislative session, let us make the most of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham’s commitment to expand senior services. New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department is forming a legislative action plan, and we want YOU—our partners and community stakeholders—to help us advocate for additional funding to support our mission of providing accessible, integrated services to older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers, to maintain their independence, dignity, autonomy, health, safety, and economic well-being, and to empower them to live on their own terms in their own communities as productively as possible.

We can only accomplish this goal with your help. You or someone you love are our mentors, elders, supporters, our parents and grandparents, and we need your voice. Please join us—and invite everyone in your community, neighborhood, senior and community centers—as we build a dedicated and strong “ADVOCACY TEAM” to take a stand at the next Legislative session, fight for our most vulnerable New Mexicans, and lead the way into New Mexico’s future!