



# Senior & Disability Rights Lobby Day: MAY 25, 2017

Dear Legislator (or Legislative Staff Member),

May 2017

On Thursday, May 25th the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) and the California In- Home Supportive Service Consumer Alliance (CICA) are co-sponsoring a Senior and Disability Rights Lobby Day at the Capitol. We expect over 200 of our members from around the state to be at the Capitol to rally on our priority bills and visit every one of the 120 legislative offices.

Given that May is Older American's Month, what better way than to meet with seniors and people with disabilities to learn where they stand on important issues and to develop an ongoing relationship with them and our two organizations. CARA is California's largest grassroots senior advocacy organization, representing over 1 million seniors through our 260 affiliated organizations and CICA works to educate and improve the IHSS program for over 510,000 recipients and their providers through the 58 County IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committees.

We will have a rally on the South Steps of the Capitol, including a Senior & Disability Rights Flash Mob at 11:00am. We hope you can join us to see us Dancing for Our Rights. If you cannot stop by the rally, we plan to send teams to every legislative office between 12:45 pm and 2:15 pm to bring you a package of materials about our priority bills. We hope that you or a member of your staff will be available to meet with our team at that time.

Our hope is that you will take our requests to heart, and work with CARA and CICA members in your district and statewide to make California a state where seniors and people with disabilities can age in our communities, with respect, independence, and dignity. We are urging you to support our priority bills, which include:

**SB 562 (Lara/Atkins)**  
**AB 796 (Kalra/Thurmond)**

**Healthy CA Act**  
**Increase SSI/SSP**

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with CARA/CICA members on May 25 or encouraging a staff member to meet with them. If you have any questions about this lobby day, do not hesitate to contact the CARA office at 510-663-4086.

Sincerely,

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