August 15, 2022

The Honorable Bob Casey  
United States Senate  
393 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Todd Young  
United States Senate  
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Scott  
United States Senate  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
United States Senate  
516 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Casey, Young, Scott, and Kelly:

AARP, on behalf of our 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, is pleased to endorse your bill, S. 4443, the Informing Grandfamilies Act, which would help support grandparents and other kinship caregivers.

Grandparents can be a stabilizing force for their grandchildren. Nationwide, more than 2.7 million children are raised by grandparents, other relatives, and close family friends—also known as kinship caregivers. While grandparents may find their new role rewarding, it can have an effect on their health and financial security. Taking on this caregiver role, often unexpectedly, can present significant challenges that require navigating complex systems to access critical supports and services. The Informing Grandfamilies Act would help provide kinship caregivers with information about available benefits and services, which can go a long way toward helping not only the caregivers, but the children as well.

We appreciate your bipartisan leadership and commitment to these families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Nicole Burda on our Government Affairs team at nburda@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

Bill Sweeney  
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