Across Alabama family caregivers assist their parents, spouses and other loved ones so they can live at home—where they want to be—and out of costly, taxpayer-funded nursing homes. These family caregivers help with bathing, dressing, transportation and much more—and many also contribute financially to their loved one’s care. AARP recently surveyed Alabama registered voters age 40-plus about caring for their families and the cost of being a caregiver. Here’s what we learned:

The vast majority of Alabama voters age 40+ support a state income tax credit for family caregivers who use their own money for a loved one.

This support is strong across party lines.

90%

89% 91% 93%

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The majority of Alabama family caregivers use their own money to care for a loved one.

They use their money to help with:

- Transportation: 76%
- Assistive Technology: 50%
- Home Modifications: 41%
- Home health aide: 29%
- Skilled care services: 26%
- Adult Day Care: 8%

AARP Alabama urges state lawmakers to pass a family caregiver income tax credit, a commonsense step to help make family caregivers’ big responsibilities a little bit easier.

Source: March 2019 survey of 1,000 Alabama Voters ages 40-plus.
Margin of error is ± 3.1%  | https://doi.org/10.26419/res.00259.073