Across Arizona, 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. Many also pay for expensive care to help their loved ones. AARP recently surveyed Arizona 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 Arizona voters age 40+ support a rebate for family caregivers who use their own money for a loved one.

This support is strong across party lines.

89%

The majority of Arizona family caregivers pay for expenses out of their own pocket to care for a loved one.

Family Caregivers

They use their money to help with:

Transportation 80%

Assistive Technology 54%

Home Modifications 44%

Home Health Aide 21%

Respite Care 16%

Adult Day Care 10%

Nearly half of Arizona family caregivers say spending money on the care of a loved one negatively effects their own finances.

49%

It effects their ability to:

Save for retirement 48%

Have enough money to enjoy life 44%

Pay bills 34%

Buy everyday necessities 28%

AARP Arizona urges state lawmakers to pass SB 1172 to give some financial relief for Arizona’s family caregivers who pay for expensive care to help their loved ones.

Source: March 2019 survey of 1,000 Arizona Registered Voters
Aged 40-plus. Margin of sample error is ±3.1%

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