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Senior Home Modification Bill Will Improve Access to Federal Resources and Promote Healthy Aging

Washington, D.C. – BPC Action applauds Senators King (I-ME), Collins (R-ME) and Schatz (D-HI) for reintroducing the Senior Home Modification Assistance Initiative Act, which will improve the ability of our nation’s seniors to age with better options in their homes and communities. By creating a cross-cutting initiative to coordinate, review, and promote the numerous federal resources for home modifications, this bill will help enable millions of older individuals to live more independently at home, as the majority of Americans prefer. The legislation closely aligns with recommendations released in BPC’s Senior Health and Housing Task Force report, [*Healthy Aging Begins at Home*](#).

Bipartisan Policy Center’s Chief Medical Advisor [Anand Parekh](#) stated:

“Most homes in the U.S. are not physically suitable for healthy aging. Though federal resources are available for helping older adults modify their homes (such as widening doorways and installing grab bars), too few individuals and families know where to turn. This legislation will support home modifications that enhance mobility and reduce negative health outcomes like falls, a key aim of BPC’s recommendations.”

Senator King recently stated:

“This is a classic case of government bureaucracy: there are well-intended programs...but they have become so complicated to the point no one knows how to use them or even how well they work. This legislation...[provides seniors] the tools they need to live where they are most comfortable as they grow older.”

BPC Action looks forward to working with Congress to pass this important legislation.

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