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Legislature's 2017-2018 budget shortchanges seniors

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The Congress of California Seniors (CCS), which for forty years has advocated for seniors at the California state capitol, expressed dismay at the newly passed 2017-2018 state budget.

Once again, the state spending plan fundamentally ignores the growing tidal wave of seniors. The post World War II Baby Boomers are now – or soon will be – seniors. In California, the over-65 population is expected to double in the next 15 years. This demographic avalanche will put unprecedented pressure on all elements of society, including families, state and local governments, and businesses.

CCS President Gary Passmore urged greater focus on California's elderly population:

"This budget continues to ignore the exploding number of seniors who struggle with program and service cuts in housing, transportation, nutrition, and long-term care, as well as declining federal support for health care. If we continue to ignore the problem, the state faces a difficult day of reckoning."

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