

Capital City Task Force

The Capital City Task Force is a group of volunteer advocates who testify on bills, talk to legislators and work on AARP's issue agenda.



AARP Montana Volunteer Advocates – Consumer Protection Issues. Pictured from left to right: Tom Altmaier, Bob Korizek, Carl Peil, Lloyd Bender.



AARP Montana Volunteer Advocates – Health Care Issues. Pictured from left to right: Boyce Fowler, Sandy Jankowski, Rita Charles, Bill Roberts.



AARP Montana Volunteer Advocates – Long Term Care Issues. Pictured from left to right: Joy Bruck, Robert Speirer, Marg Crennen.

Quick Facts

AARP is the leading nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50+.

Our vision is a society in which everyone ages with dignity and purpose, and in which AARP helps people fulfill their goals and dreams.

AARP's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all as we age. We lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy, and service.

We want people age 50+ to have independence, choice and control in ways that are affordable for them, their families and for society.

Today, we have offices in all 50 states. We have more than 40 million members, with over 164,000 AARP members in Montana. AARP Montana provides:

- ◆ Information and resources on important issues
- ◆ Advocacy on state and federal issues
- ◆ Community Service Opportunities for members
- ◆ Consumer and legal information
- ◆ A wide range of unique benefits, special products and services for members.



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STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

2009



2009 AARP State Legislative Priorities in Montana

Home and Community Based Services

AARP is working to expand the Medicaid Home and Community Based Services program to meet high consumer demand and address worker shortage.

Accessible, Quality Health Care

AARP supports a variety of proposals developed by the Montana Healthcare Forum and others to provide coverage to more Montanans, contain costs, improve quality, and create long-term reform.

Additional Legislative Priorities include:

- ◆ Wise use and affordability of prescription drugs
- ◆ Limited-income energy assistance
- ◆ Protecting retirement security
- ◆ Increase funding for Area Agencies on Aging services, like Meals on Wheels
- ◆ Consumer protection related to insurance and finances
- ◆ Election laws

AARP Montana Past Legislative Accomplishments:

- ◆ Creation of Big Sky Rx, drug assistance for seniors
- ◆ Creation of the Older Montanans Trust Fund
- ◆ Identity theft protection through security freeze and ID theft passports
- ◆ Increase funding for senior services

Visit our State Webpage for Updates

To find information of interest to AARP members in Montana log onto www.aarp.org/mt. Get information on:

- ◆ State and legislative updates and hot action items
- ◆ Federal advocacy issues
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities
- ◆ Upcoming AARP Montana community events

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Each biennium, AARP Montana sets its legislative priorities based on national AARP policy, AARP Montana opinion polls and surveys, the Montana State Plan and the direction of the AARP Montana Executive Council.



AARP Montana Legislative Team. Pictured from left to right: Claudia Clifford, AARP Advocacy Director; Andy Heiman, AARP Legislative Coordinator; Bob Bartholomew, AARP State Director; Joy Bruck, Chair, AARP Executive Council / Capital City Task Force.

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