**North Carolina Budget FY 2015**

Today, as we move into the new state fiscal year, North Carolina state legislators are unable to agree on the state’s 2015 budget. A new “mini-budget” bill (SB 3) was introduced and passed unanimously by the House recently, but the Senate returned it without considering the measures it contained for teacher raises and spending on Medicaid.

As legislators grapple with the major issues of teacher raises and Medicaid, we ***CANNOT*** afford to let them forget about older adults. We ***CANNOT*** accept cuts in aging programs at a time when the aging population and wait lists for services in North Carolina are growing by leaps and bounds.

Therefore, call your legislators so they do not forget to protect funding for aging programs. We need to stay on their minds as they look to balance the budget. Those listed in **bold** are the most critical contacts and should be contacted even if they do not directly represent the Piedmont region. *Legislators representing the Piedmont are italicized.*

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