

UNITED STATES SENATE  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING**  
— RANKING MEMBER TIM SCOTT —

# JUNE WRAP UP



**June 23**

## **GRANDFAMILIES, KINSHIP CARE**

Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-S.C.), along with Chairman Bob Casey (D-Pa.), held a hearing titled “Strengthening Support for Grandfamilies during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond.” During the hearing, Sens. Scott and Casey, along with Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), unveiled their new legislation, the Informing Grandfamilies Act, to help support grandparents raising children. The bill would require states to communicate directly with grandparents who apply for assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and provide information about additional support.

## **BIPARTISAN LETTER TO MAKE VA WEBSITES MORE ACCESSIBLE**

**June 6**

U.S. Senate Aging Committee Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Chairman Bob Casey (D-Pa.) led a bipartisan, bicameral group of committee leaders in sending a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Denis McDonough, urging the agency to improve VA website accessibility for disabled individuals, many of whom are seniors.

Read the full text of the letter [here](https://www.scott.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2022-06-06-%20Aging-SVAC-HVAC%20to%20VA%20Secretary%20McDonough%20re%20Section%20508%20Compliance.pdf) or at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2022-06-06-%20Aging-SVAC-HVAC%20to%20VA%20Secretary%20McDonough%20re%20Section%20508%20Compliance.pdf>.

June 14

# ENSURING SENIORS' ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE ACT

Ranking Member Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Senator Mark R. Warner (D-Va.) re-introduced the Ensuring Seniors' Access to Quality Care Act, which would bolster the nursing home workforce by allowing more facilities to train Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and enabling facilities to access a comprehensive background check database when hiring employees. Sens. Scott and Warner first introduced this legislation in 2019.

Specifically, the legislation would allow a senior living facility to reinstate its CNA training program if:

- The facility has corrected the deficiency;
- The deficiency did not result in an immediate risk to patient safety and is not the result of patient harm resulting from abuse or neglect; and
- The facility has not received a repeat deficiency related to direct patient harm in the preceding two year period.

## Sweet Tea



Young men and women from all across the country are spending one week of their summer break camped out at Greenwood High School as part of a mission trip hosted by First Presbyterian Church. More than 100 youths broken up into 14 crews are spending their week at 11 work sites, doing simple home repair and improvements such as painting or building wheelchair ramps for those in need of some assistance.

Friend,

Thank you taking the time out of your day to read my newsletter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of my offices with your needs. We are here to serve.

Wishing you all the best,

TIM  SCOTT

U.S. SENATOR FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Scott'.

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