

# THOUSANDS URGE FEDS TO MAKE AGING POLICY LGBT-INCLUSIVE

**IN 2016** the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) requested feedback on its proposed “program instruction” asking state and local departments for the aging to assess whether they are meeting the needs of LGBT older adults.

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AGING POLICY & RESOURCES.



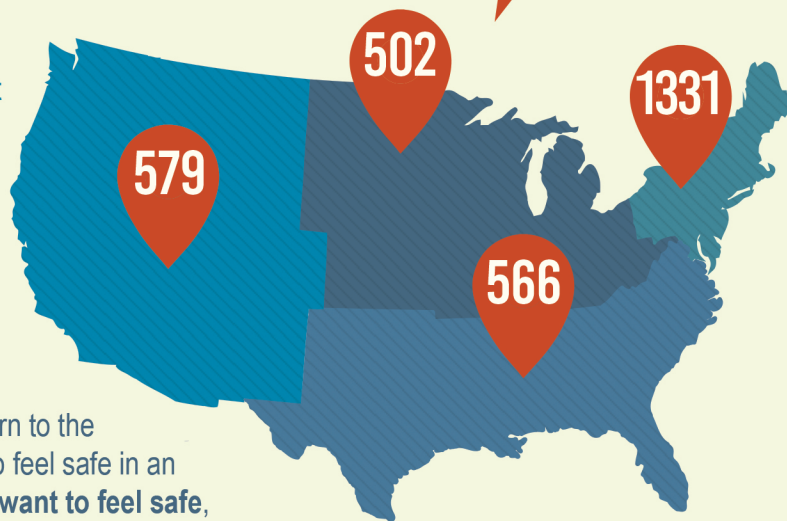
## SAGE MOBILIZED COMMENTS FROM NEARLY **3,000** LGBT OLDER PEOPLE & THEIR ALLIES

“After being discriminated against all my life, I want some happy times. Is that too much to ask? **I need LGBT-welcoming services** and should not have difficulty accessing them.”

—RANDALL, OR

“I don’t wish to return to the proverbial closet to feel safe in an assisted living situation. **I want to feel safe**, housed in a place where bigotry is denied entrance.”

—MADELINE, IL



“There’s this stereotype that gay people are all affluent. Truth is, **most of us have led a hard life because of discrimination and lack of support.** It’s sad that many of us who fought so hard for liberation are now alone, forgotten and barely surviving.”

—ARTHUR, NY

“[My husband and I] have no children and are estranged from our families because we are gay. **I worry about entering an assisted living facility because I’ve heard about LGBT elders being abused by homophobic staff.** I worry that we are totally on our own.”

—PETER, FL

**117** ORGANIZATIONS  
SIGNED SAGE’S  
LETTER OF SUPPORT.



## SAGE PARTNERED WITH THE DIVERSE ELDERS COALITION IN THIS EFFORT



The Diverse Elders Coalition represents millions of diverse older people and focuses on advocating for policies and programs that improve aging in our communities as American Indian/Alaska Native elders, Asian American/Pacific Islander elders, Black elders, Hispanic elders and LGBT elders. SAGE is one of five national organizations in the coalition.

Together, we submitted a total of **4,710** comments on the needs of diverse elders.

SAGE has been overwhelmed by forceful and poignant responses from LGBT elders and their allies.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ENSURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD**

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