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# POLICY PRIORITIES AND SOLUTIONS

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The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank focused on accelerating measurable progress on the path to a meaningful life. With a focus on financial, physical, mental, and environmental health, we bring together the best ideas and innovative resourcing to develop blueprints for tackling some of our most critical global issues through the lens of what's pressing now and what's coming next.

## 2026 FEATURED EVENTS

### **South Florida Dialogues**

Palm Beach and Miami | January 30–February 3

### **Future of Finance**

Washington, DC | March 3–4

### **Global Investors' Symposium**

Hong Kong | March 22–23

### **Global Conference**

Los Angeles, CA | May 3–6

### **Hamptons Dialogues**

New York | August 27–30

### **Asia Summit**

Singapore | October 7–9

### **Global Investors' Symposium**

Mexico City | October 27–28

### **Future of Health Summit**

Washington, DC | November

### **Middle East and Africa Summit**

Abu Dhabi, UAE | December

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# PLATFORMS FOR IMPACT

## POLICY

The Milken Institute develops policy initiatives globally across our finance, health, and philanthropy pillars. Our finance programs facilitate the smooth and efficient operation of financial markets while helping to ensure a fair, accessible marketplace. The Institute's health portfolio advances innovative policies that solve pressing health challenges spanning biomedical innovation, public health, healthy aging, and food systems. The work of our philanthropy team empowers philanthropists and foundations seeking to implement transformative giving strategies to address some of the world's most persistent problems.

## RESEARCH

With independent thinking, the Milken Institute conducts research to provide the analytical foundation and data to support the programs and policy initiatives that we pursue to help people build meaningful lives. We use data-driven and economic analysis to inform global policy issues related to health and finance.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The Milken Institute turns policy ideas and research into practical action. We facilitate innovative public-private partnerships, offer direct technical assistance to communities and governments, provide thought leadership to inform legislation and policy decision-making, and identify new financing solutions to address critical challenges worldwide.

## CONVENINGS

Each year, the Milken Institute brings together global leaders in finance, health, government, and philanthropy through its conferences, summits, dialogues, roundtables, forums, and symposiums. These gatherings connect individuals with the capital and influence to change the world with those whose expertise and creativity are reinventing industries. The Milken Institute leverages the insight gained through these convenings to inform and advance its programs and policy initiatives throughout the year.

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

As an institution with global reach, our international pillar spans five regions worldwide: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our international team connects investors and business leaders through regional convenings and research, delivering locally grounded and internationally informed solutions that advance our mission of mobilizing capital, talent, and ideas to address the world's most pressing challenges.



# MILKEN CENTER FOR ADVANCING THE AMERICAN DREAM

The Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream (MCAAD), a part of the Milken Institute, is dedicated to the ideal at the heart of the American Dream, to support the aspirations of people everywhere to create thriving, prosperous lives. We aim to inspire visitors to discover and pursue their own dreams, find their path, and achieve their goals.

Through a focus on four pillars—education, finance, health, and entrepreneurship—the center explores the challenges to achieving the American Dream and identifies solutions that create pathways to success. In September 2025, we opened to the public and, in just the first few months, have welcomed more than 50,000 visitors. This immersive space features interactive exhibits, powerful stories from diverse voices, and awe-inspiring installations that showcase the many facets of the American Dream. By combining compelling stories with data-driven insights, the center offers visitors the chance to reflect on their own aspirations, share their stories, and engage with programs designed to inspire action and hope.

Join us as we work together to ensure that opportunity, economic mobility, and the promise of a better future continue to thrive for generations to come.





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“For 250 years, the American Dream has reflected enduring values of individual liberty, economic freedom, entrepreneurial creativity, and the pursuit of happiness. These ideals resonate far beyond America’s borders and have driven significant increases in broad-based prosperity. Together, they underpin the most successful system in human history at lifting vast populations out of poverty, extending healthy lifespans, raising educational standards, opening doors to new areas of scholarly exploration, and creating abundance.”

**MICHAEL MILKEN**  
*Chairman, Milken Institute*

## FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

# ADVANCING ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Navigating the future of economic security requires understanding the forces driving global transformation and identifying structural changes, along with their corresponding challenges, in order to advance opportunities that create a more resilient economic future. Strategic integration of trade practices and the use of innovative public-private partnerships alongside the development of robust, reliable critical supply chains remain vital priorities, as is fostering an innovative capital framework that aligns focus toward resilient infrastructure solutions and emerging technologies.



## Geo-Economics and Competitiveness

Against the backdrop of today's unpredictable geopolitical realities, policymakers increasingly look to promote investment flows to achieve strategic outcomes while investors face unprecedented challenges as traditional relationships between asset classes evolve and geopolitics reshape global markets. The Milken Institute's Geo-Economics Initiative helps public- and private-sector decision-makers navigate these complex global forces through conducting innovative research, convening key stakeholders, and mobilizing capital. Our regional Investing in Europe's Competitiveness Initiative is designed to help achieve the goals of reigniting growth, raising living standards, and enhancing the region's economic competitiveness by boosting investment in infrastructure, technology, and defense.

## Trade and Critical Supply Chains

Geopolitical tensions and technological innovation are among the forces rewiring globalization across regions and industries by simultaneously fragmenting established economic relationships and creating new opportunities for deeper integration. Our work advances solutions to enhance supply chain resilience in specific geographies by unlocking investments in critical technologies, minerals and materials, while establishing new standards for international cooperation and advancing regional opportunities within key sectors.

## Innovative Technologies and Artificial Intelligence

Strategic competition has (re)surfaced the importance of fostering and harnessing innovation in critical technologies to address socioeconomic and security challenges. The Institute works with policymakers and investors to facilitate inclusive and responsible development of critical and emerging technologies, ensuring that the principles of privacy and transparency are upheld while the benefits of technological advancement are widely accessible. We also consider the role that artificial intelligence (AI) will play in reshaping labor and financial markets globally, and the policies needed to ensure education and the workforce are prepared for the jobs of tomorrow.

## Infrastructure Resilience and Adaptation

Less than 10 percent of global climate finance is directed to adaptation, nature, and resilience investment. Based on Milken Institute analysis, there are clear benefits to ramping up investment in resilience over the next decade and banking these savings to de-risk projects to promote next-generation public-private investment in adaptation and mitigation. Doing so will help avoid trillions of dollars in losses, generate tangible benefits for frontline communities around the world, and provide the basis for funding decarbonization mitigation at scale in the future. The Milken Institute works globally to promote innovative public-private partnerships that drive effective energy transition and coinvestment in adaptation, resilience, and mitigation markets.

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# EXPANDING ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY

Upward economic mobility and the democratization of capital are two defining features of capitalism that contribute globally to job growth, broad-based prosperity, and expansive opportunity. Perpetuating the expansion of these features requires both public-sector and private-sector approaches to ensuring equitable opportunities for economic mobility. The Institute recently launched the [Economic Mobility Alliance](#) to mobilize public, private, and philanthropic capital to foster opportunity, reduce wealth inequality, and promote economic growth, efforts that are amplified by the [Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream](#).



## Lifetime Financial Security

To address the challenges many individuals face in saving for a financially secure future, the Institute supports public policy changes and private-sector solutions that advance financial security across the life course, beginning at birth and continuing through retirement. The Institute is focused on fostering access to financial education and building financial knowledge, inspiring early savings and investment, expanding access to retirement plans while developing new retirement products and services, and encouraging long-term financial planning. In support of these aims, the Institute published *The Economic Impact of Invest America Accounts*, a report that examines a proposal to create an account for every newborn American, capitalized with an initial \$1,000 government grant and invested in a broad equity index fund of US companies. The report compares this approach to prior early-wealth-building proposals, while simulating the potential impact on account holders' wealth, and was instrumental in building support for Invest America accounts, which officially became US law on July 4, 2025.

## Inclusive Capitalism

The mission of the Inclusive Capitalism Program is to open doors in the asset management industry and create a more inclusive financial services sector. Core activities of our Inclusive Capitalism Executive Council and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Strategic Initiative and Fellowship Program include improving access to capital and financial inclusion, with an emphasis on underserved markets, through policies that leverage minority depository institutions (MDIs) and community development financing institutions (CDFIs); promote policies that improve access to capital and job creation, particularly for businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and improve access to capital for emerging asset managers.

## Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Growth

Small businesses and start-ups generate half of our economic output, employ half of private-sector workers, and create most new jobs. They drive innovation that boosts productivity and raises living standards. In crises, they adapt to help meet national or community needs. Despite their outsized role in the economy, there's no comprehensive measure of their activity, and many struggle with access to capital. Our Small Business Policy Initiative promotes policies and solutions that level the playing field to help small businesses launch, survive, and thrive.

## Community Economic Development and Capital Deployment

Through our 10,000 Communities Initiative and Initiative for Inclusive Entrepreneurship, we focus on scaling up technical assistance and capital support to underserved rural, urban, and tribal communities, businesses, and asset managers in the US, seeking to build resilient local economies. Access to capital is crucial in promoting economic growth in overlooked communities and enhancing the economic mobility of individuals residing within them. Through our efforts, the Milken Institute empowers capital allocators—from traditional financial institutions to private equity firms, to CDFIs and MDIs—to invest in people and places that have traditionally lacked access to the capital required to grow businesses and improve communities. We work on policies that expand access to capital for underinvested communities and businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and leverage important programs like Resilience Zones, Opportunity Zones, the State Small Business Credit Initiative, and other place-based programs that expand predevelopment funding and incentivize more effective economic growth and resiliency.

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# STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL INNOVATION

We promote policies that improve access to capital and investment opportunities, with a particular emphasis on underserved individuals, businesses, and communities. Our work involves a comprehensive approach to integrating innovative financial technologies, developing transformative strategies to expand savings and investment opportunities, and encouraging the development of accessible financial markets.

## The Digital Economy: Financial Technology, Digital Assets, and Artificial Intelligence

As technology innovations rapidly evolve the financial services landscape, financial technology (FinTech) provides the opportunity to accelerate access to capital, financial inclusion, transparency, and compliance to build a system that offers more affordable and efficient financial services to the communities most underserved by legacy institutions. Where financial infrastructure is increasingly moving on-chain and harnessing AI, we are tracking the responsible development of innovations that impact digital identity, privacy, and global payments. The Institute supports the responsible development of the digital economy and continues to offer recommendations on the comprehensive regulatory frameworks necessary for innovative technologies like artificial intelligence and blockchains powering digital assets.

## Fair, Accessible, and Efficient Capital Markets

Capital markets drive economic growth and provide access to the American Dream. Institute experts work with government policymakers and regulators to ensure that the markets and the capital they provide are available to those who need them when they need them. In the US, our technical assistance and capacity-building programs for small businesses and community-focused financial institutions open access to the American Dream for traditionally underserved entrepreneurs. Globally, our partnerships with international financial institutions and global corporations continue to build capacity among financial policymakers, regulators, and public-sector financial asset managers worldwide as we work to ensure that developing and emerging markets are full participants in global capital markets.

## Development, Debt, and Fiscal Sustainability

It is widely recognized that the cost of investing in economic development, poverty reduction, and combating climate change runs into the tens of trillions of dollars globally. Simultaneously, many nations have faced ballooning debt challenges in the post-pandemic era, along with a rising interest rate environment, minimizing their ability to make development and climate-related investments. We work with government partners to build and strengthen the nexus between financial markets and public finance, supporting innovative strategies that mobilize capital through the existing international financial architecture for investment in development.

## Global Growth Through Capital Market Development

Robust capital markets and innovative finance drive prosperity by helping ensure that national savings are efficiently allocated to the best private-sector growth opportunities. The Institute works with government partners to build and strengthen emerging financial markets that promote private-sector-led growth while supporting innovative financing and other development strategies. Over the past 10 years, our partnerships with international financial institutions, world-class universities, and global corporations have built capacity among more than 300 financial policymakers, regulators, and public-sector financial asset managers around the world. Our rigorous training programs, supplemented by a tight-knit alumni network and a global convening platform, provide rising financial leaders across more than 70 developing and emerging markets with the knowledge, tools, and connections they need to create a step-change in financial market development, job opportunity, and long-term economic growth in their home countries.



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# SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

An effective biomedical innovation ecosystem integrates discovery, research and development (R&D), regulatory evaluation, and access, creating a continuous cycle that drives breakthroughs. The United States, a long-time global leader, sets the gold standard across the continuum of biomedical research, fostering innovations that deepen disease understanding, enable early, accurate diagnoses, and cure previously untreatable conditions. Investing in inclusive, patient-centric R&D is vital to ensure these benefits reach everyone. Innovative preventive measures are essential to alleviate disease burdens and reduce long-term health-care costs. By prioritizing these strategies, we strengthen our capacity to deliver advanced medical products and equitable health care on a national and global scale.

## A National Life Sciences Strategy

To secure long-term US leadership in biomedical innovation, we support the establishment of a National Life Sciences Strategy and Implementation Plan. Such a strategy provides a unified national vision that aligns scientific opportunity, population health needs, and economic competitiveness; sets priorities for emerging technologies; and strengthens coordination across the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and other agencies, as well as the private and philanthropic sectors. A national coordinator for life sciences strategy within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would help ensure agencies move in alignment with strategic priorities and adapt to scientific and technological change.

## Data as Infrastructure for Biomedical Innovation

Unlocking the next era of biomedical progress requires treating data as essential national infrastructure. High-quality, interoperable, and patient-empowered data systems are foundational to accelerating discovery, improving clinical evidence, and expanding access to innovation. We support establishing national data-quality standards, modernizing federal platforms, and building a federated data ecosystem that securely links the strengths of CDC, NIH, FDA, and CMS. Public-private “data missions” can bring together diverse datasets to address urgent health challenges, while expanded tools, such as the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement for research and patient-controlled data wallets, can ensure individuals meaningfully shape how their information drives progress. By investing in a modern, connected, and patient-centered data infrastructure, the US can position its health ecosystem to achieve faster breakthroughs, stronger evidence generation, and broader access to lifesaving innovations.

## Innovation and Access to Clinical Trials

Clinical trials in the US must expand patient participation and address inefficiencies that hinder sponsors, sites, and the nation’s capacity to run trials at scale. Just as we need a national life sciences strategy and shared data infrastructure, we need a national agenda for clinical trials, informed by a public-private partnership that brings together government, industry, academia, health systems, and patient groups. The US must invest in national clinical trial infrastructure, beginning with the establishment of an Office of the National Clinical Trial and Research Coordinator within HHS to coordinate efforts across federal agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of clinical trials, and to build a national clinical trial and research network inventory. We must make it easier for patients and clinicians to participate in clinical trials by broadening eligibility criteria, simplifying informed consent, and clarifying reimbursement policies for trial participation. And we must reduce the administrative burden of conducting clinical trials by clarifying overlapping regulatory requirements, expanding use of single institutional review boards and reliance agreements, standardizing contracts and liability frameworks, clarifying FDA’s Form 1572 to ease unnecessary documentation burdens, and simplifying Medicare coverage analysis to alleviate the burden on sites seeking to run trials.

## Strong Federal Health Agencies

To respond effectively to scientific and technological advances, federal health agencies must continuously evolve to keep pace with scientific knowledge. We support strengthening the CDC as a critical federal agency to advance the population health of the nation. As a global leader for biomedical research, the NIH should be reinforced as the nation’s engine for bold, cross-cutting biomedical research and transformative science through interdisciplinary collaboration. Finally, we support a strong FDA with a focus on regulatory science that continues to advance its public health mission to enable safety and efficacy of new innovations to achieve better health outcomes.

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# SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

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## Patient Centricity Across the Life Cycle of Medical Products

The Institute is committed to ensuring that patients' priorities, perspectives, and data guide every stage of the medical product life cycle. We work to build the capacity of patient organizations to actively engage in R&D, regulatory review and approval, access determination, and post-marketing studies as equal partners. Additionally, we advocate for robust communication between regulators and payers, such as the FDA and CMS, to align evidence-generation pathways and outcomes, fostering a seamless connection between approval and access mechanisms for groundbreaking medical innovations.

## Prevention-First Health Care

We support advancing prevention-first health-care policy to improve health outcomes by reducing the burdens of preventable conditions and improving treatment outcomes through vaccination, early screenings, and diagnosis. To reach under-engaged populations, we advocate for reimbursement-focused policy changes to encourage data- and risk-based outreach by nonphysician providers who have filled critical health-care gaps. We firmly support establishing a consistent reimbursement policy for providers' preventive counseling. The Milken Institute's Project Prevent will bring together cross-sector partners to address the urgent funding gap in preventive health care. The Initiative's work will begin with projects in the US and UK to research models for innovative funding and financing of prevention, as well as design a pilot to test and scale real-world approaches to accelerate access and uptake.

## Technological Advancement

We recognize that more than great ideas and adequate funding are necessary to bring medical innovations to market and ensure patient access. It is essential to consider flexible, benefit-risk-based regulatory evaluation and early communication between regulators and payers to remove unwarranted barriers to access to promising innovations such as cell and gene therapies and gene editing therapeutics. Advanced screening and diagnostic technologies, such as liquid biopsy, may facilitate early detection and intervention to prevent severe health outcomes. We facilitate dialogue on the path forward for emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and advocate for greater investment and policy changes to support prevention-focused interventions.

## Mitigating the Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance

The Institute emphasizes the urgent need to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a growing threat that can undermine advances in health, economic productivity, and global preparedness for future pandemics. Sustained public-, philanthropic-, and private-sector coordination is needed to strengthen surveillance, connect fragmented data systems, and deploy advanced technologies, such as AI-enabled drug discovery, rapid diagnostics, and new types of therapies, to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of resistant infections. It is also critical to establish economic incentives to ensure continuous investment in innovation to address AMR.

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# ENHANCING WHOLE- PERSON HEALTH THROUGH PREVENTION, INTEGRATED CARE, AND MODERNIZED HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

To improve population health, we must normalize a whole-person approach that prioritizes prevention, improves care coordination, and modernizes the underpinning systems. To improve care access and health outcomes for individuals and their communities, we urgently need cost-effective interventions and practical solutions that reduce the burden of chronic disease and mental health conditions, leverage integrated care, and modernize our health infrastructure.

## Chronic Disease Prevention

Chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and obesity, are the leading causes of death, disability, and escalating health-care costs in the United States. Six in ten Americans have at least one chronic disease, and four in ten live with more than one, collectively driving nearly 90 percent of the United States' annual \$4.5 trillion in health-care spending. In parallel, youth across all socioeconomic classes and geographical locations are experiencing rising rates of diet-related chronic diseases. The Institute champions solutions that reflect the interconnected system focus of chronic disease, strengthen prevention, and expand access to early screening and evidence-based care. Our priorities include advancing policies that strengthen integrated pathways for community-based services and better connect individuals with a broad ecosystem of trusted providers, including pharmacists and community health workers, who help keep people well where they live.

## Mental Health Access and Innovation

Mental health conditions impact nearly 60 million people in the United States per year, contributing to an economic toll of more than \$282 billion annually. Early detection and intervention are paramount, as is closing the mental health workforce gap. About 122 million Americans live in a designated shortage area and need permanent access to telehealth, crisis response lines, and recovery-oriented treatment for substance use disorder. In parallel, America is facing an unprecedented youth mental health crisis, with rising rates of anxiety, depression, suicide, and emergency-room visits overwhelming families, schools, and health systems. Social isolation, digital exposure, academic pressure, and gaps in accessible care have collided to leave millions of young people without the timely support they need. Our research priorities focus on identifying insights and actions for communities, policymakers, and organizations to increase access to mental health services and resources, promote innovation in scalable health technologies, and address the effects of social media on our youth.

## Public Health Infrastructure Modernization

Robust systems are essential for safe and reliable care delivery, effective prevention and managing treatments, and community resilience. A critical component of this infrastructure is the medical supply chain, which safeguards public health and health-care systems in both crisis and non-emergency periods by ensuring consistent access to high-quality tests, medicines, and essential supplies. Our priorities include advancing policies, public-private partnerships, and data-driven solutions to bolster these systems—domestically and globally—so that underpinning public health systems such as medical supply chains are resilient, equitable, secure, and sustainable.

## Women's Health

The Institute has established the Women's Health Network (the Network) as a global collaborative dedicated to accelerating research, innovation, investment, and cross-sector collaboration to improve women's health. The Network leverages action-oriented convenings and cross-sector collective action to break down global silos, identify scalable solutions to ecosystem challenges, and increase investment in women's health. The Network is designing investment funds for more diverse, scalable, and sustainable capital to improve access to quality health innovations and create long-term impact for women worldwide. Through the Network's proof-of-concept activities and projects, deliverables will be produced that support the women's health innovation ecosystem, with current areas of focus emphasizing regulatory pain points, coverage and reimbursement, access to cancer care, and employer-driven initiatives. Additionally, we continue to support policy development that enhances women's well-being, strengthens health outcomes, and boosts economic productivity.



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# CATALYZING A MORE NUTRITIOUS, SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEM

Improving health outcomes requires innovation across the global food system. Transforming the food system requires scaling Food Is Medicine interventions, strengthening nutrition security, building resilient food supply chains, and promoting regenerative agriculture. By advancing these priorities, we accelerate the transformation of a food system that links nutrition, health, and agriculture, delivering better health, supporting farmers, and driving innovation across sectors.

## Food Is Medicine: Integrating Nutrition into Health Care

Food Is Medicine (FIM) has evolved from a series of pilots to a national priority. Through the FIM Task Force, Feeding Change identifies gaps in the system and advances practices that continue to accelerate the integration of FIM interventions into health care. The Institute supports policies and solutions that foster cross-sector FIM collaboration and embed nutritious food across federal programs. We aim to improve health outcomes nationwide through innovative funding mechanisms and by engaging stakeholders across the ecosystem, including Medicaid and Medicare agencies, commercial plans, philanthropy, employers, pharmacies, food retailers, and nonprofits, to enhance nutrition and health outcomes nationwide.

## A Resilient and Regenerative Food Supply Chain: From Production to Consumption

A sustainable and resilient food system ensures that economic, social, and environmental resources are available to feed future generations while maintaining the ability to withstand, recover from, and adapt to disruptions. Achieving this vision requires a comprehensive approach that spans the entire food system—from soil health to consumer nutrition. We promote policies that support farmers in producing nourishing foods and remaining competitive in the market. We prioritize the integration of fruit and vegetable production into health interventions, resilient supply chains, stronger local and regional markets, better market access for farmers, and agriculture resource stewardship.

## Integration Across Federal Nutrition, Health, and Agriculture Programs

As federal policy increasingly aligns food and health, the Institute advances strategies to standardize program criteria, modernize technology, and drive innovation in nutrition benefits, improving efficiency, consumer experience, and health outcomes. We advocate for key Farm Bill priorities that strengthen federal nutrition and agriculture programs by modernizing technology systems, expanding local food purchasing, and improving cross-agency coordination. To improve the health and productivity of the nation, we advance policies and solutions that strengthen food security and promote access to nutritious diets.

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# SUPPORTING HEALTHY AGING AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING IN AN AGE OF INCREASED LONGEVITY

Population aging, driven by advances in public health, medicine, and technology, is a global megatrend reshaping every aspect of society. This profound demographic shift, coupled with declining birth rates, demands transformation across the health-care system, workplaces, retirement practices, and physical environments. To fully realize the benefits of an increasingly age-diverse society, we must challenge outdated attitudes and beliefs about aging and accelerate innovations, encourage collaborations, adapt policies, and modernize practices to support longer, healthier, and more financially secure lives enriched with social connectedness and purpose.



## Brain Health and Dementia Care

With a rapidly aging population, the US faces rising dementia prevalence, escalating care costs, and mounting impacts on the quality of life for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. Through the Alliance to Improve Dementia Care, we promote policies and practices that foster a life-course perspective on brain health, address the fragmented and costly dementia care ecosystem through expanded care navigation, reduce health and economic disparities, build workforce and systems capacity, improve early detection, and scale comprehensive dementia-care and value-based payment models.

## Healthspan Promotion

We aim to extend the years individuals can live in good health by fostering ecosystems that reduce chronic disease risk, support well-being, and enable meaningful social engagement and purpose. By focusing on the multitude of factors that contribute to our health, including physical activity, nutrient-dense diets, and restorative sleep, as well as intergenerational connections and the built environment, we can ensure all people can benefit from longer, healthier lifespans.

## Integrated Care Solutions

The Institute champions innovations and policies that accelerate tech-enabled convergence of health, supportive services, and social care, empowering people to age well in the places they call home. Historically, siloed sectors spanning health care, senior housing, home care, and related industries are beginning to develop shared approaches that address the physical, environmental, and social dimensions of health by leveraging technologies and value-based care partnerships. To meet the needs of our growing older adult population and continue forward momentum, we promote policies that advance effective models, strengthen the use of technology and data, and support sustained investment in the infrastructure necessary for integrated care.

## Financial Longevity Preparedness

Socioeconomic and systemic factors determine access to affordable, quality medical care for healthy longevity and influence the ability to achieve financial security to age with dignity. We support public- and private-sector policies and solutions that promote life-course planning to achieve financial readiness across longer lifespans by strengthening the role of employers in providing access to and optimizing health and retirement-related benefits, ensuring the sustainability, modernization, and accessibility of essential social safety-net programs, mitigating the financial impact of family caregiving, encouraging savings and emergency buffers, and ensuring older adults can remain productively engaged in the workplace.



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