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Rep. Spreitzer Joins Fight to Save to SeniorCare

MADISON –State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) expressed strong opposition and concern over the Governor’s proposed cuts to SeniorCare in his 2015-17 Budget.

“The budget proposed by Governor Walker forces seniors to enroll in Medicare Part D, a program that costs participants hundreds of dollars more each year than SeniorCare,” Rep. Spreitzer said. “Additionally, Governor Walker would defund SeniorCare by \$15 million, a cut of more than 40% over the two year budget cycle.”

SeniorCare was created to ensure senior citizens are not forced to choose between paying basic living expenses and paying for medication. SeniorCare reduces the cost to participants and saves taxpayer money by negotiating with drug companies for lower prescription drug prices.

“SeniorCare’s affordable prescription drugs prices and simple enrollment process lifts a heavy burden off of our parents and grandparents- it truly saves lives,” Spreitzer noted.

In 2011, a petition drive was launched when Governor Walker first tried to end SeniorCare, and Democrats collected more than 15,000 signatures. Soon after the petitions were delivered, Republican leaders pledged to save SeniorCare.

“I’d like to thank Rep. Andy Jorgenson for his leadership on this issue and for organizing a 2015 Save SeniorCare petition drive, an effort I am eagerly participating in,” Rep. Spreitzer added. “By working together, Wisconsin can show Governor Walker that his harsh cuts to SeniorCare will do lasting damage to Wisconsin’s communities.”

Rep. Spreitzer will be placing petitions at senior centers, pharmacies, and libraries around the district. Petitions may also be found attached to this release, on his legislative website, or by request at Rep.Spreitzer@legis.wi.gov or by calling toll-free (888) 534-0045.

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