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## **Schraa Appointed to Task Force on Suicide Prevention**

(Madison, WI) Representative Michael Schraa (R-Oshkosh) was appointed by Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) to the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. This bipartisan group of legislators will make recommendations for policies aimed at reducing suicide in Wisconsin.

Schraa has been deeply moved by the impact of suicide, both the unnecessary loss of life and the devastating impact upon the loved ones left behind. Schraa mentioned his personal loss by saying, "I still miss my friend and colleague Sen. Rick Gudex every day, and ask myself what I could have done to help him choose to live." He continued, "Residents of my district are also affected by higher rates of suicide among farmers and correctional officers."

"I requested this appointment because it is an opportunity to examine more closely the factors that lead to suicide as well as current research on best practices for prevention."

"Each and every human life is a precious gift from the Almighty, and suicide is never the answer," said Schraa. "I am thankful to work in partnership with legislators from both sides of the aisle to be a part of the solution."

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