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## **Representative Quinn Works to Ensure Funding for SeniorCare**

MADISON – Representative Romaine Quinn (R-Rice Lake) praised the decision today by Representative John Nygren (R- Marinette) of the Joint Finance Committee to preserve funding for the SeniorCare program in the 2015-2016 budget. Rep. Quinn had written a letter to the Committee on March 25, laying out his concerns:

“Currently, there are over 80,000 Wisconsin seniors enrolled in SeniorCare, many of which live in my district. I applaud the Governor for trying to reign in the amount of people who receive public assistance, but these seniors currently rely on this program, as it provides them with certainty and protection from rising prescription drug costs and tax increases. SeniorCare is certainly more affordable than other prescription programs, making it vital for my constituents who are on fixed incomes and that have planned their lives around this program.”

Upon Rep. Nygren’s announcement, Rep. Quinn said that he was pleased that the Committee had made the right choice for the people of Wisconsin.

“I am very glad to see that the voices of my district are being listened to. Over the last month, I have heard from many of my constituents, who said that losing SeniorCare could cost them an additional \$800 a year or more in health care costs. This decision is good news for all those who depend on SeniorCare to manage a tight, fixed budget. We will continue to seek ways to trim costs and cut down unnecessary state bureaucracy, but this should not mean punishing those who have played by the rules for their entire lives and now simply seek stability,” said Rep. Quinn.

Wisconsin’s SeniorCare program provides low-cost prescription medicines to seniors age 65 and above, with copays as low as \$5 for generic drugs. The program was created in July 2002 to assist seniors living at or below 200% of the Federal poverty level.

“I was proud to be a voice for the people of the 75<sup>th</sup> District in fighting for their needs. Hearing their concerns come in and being able to show the Legislature’s leadership team just how significant cutting this program would be, it is and will remain my priority to do what is right for the people of Wisconsin and of my district,” said Rep. Quinn.

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