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Rep. Doyle's Statement on SeniorCare

MADISON – State Representative Steve Doyle (D-Onalaska) issued the following statement after it was announced by the Joint Finance Committee that SeniorCare will be allowed to continue “as is.” This is a change from what was proposed in the Governor’s budget which would have cut SeniorCare funding in half and forced seniors to enroll in Medicare Part D.

“This program saves lives and it saves money,” said Doyle. “I have heard from so many of my constituents who have been helped by this program and I am pleased to be able to tell them that our efforts have paid off.”

“The \$15 million cut originally proposed in the budget would have been devastating to Wisconsin seniors,” said Doyle. “Our greatest generation deserves to be protected from the rising cost of prescription drugs and leaving SeniorCare intact will do just that.”

SeniorCare serves 90,000 Wisconsin residents, saving them hundreds of dollars each year and saving the taxpayers \$90 million each year.

Doyle was part of a group of lawmakers who delivered more than 14,000 signatures to leaders in the Majority Party as part of the Save SeniorCare petition drive.

“We had been hearing a lot of talk about doubling or even tripling annual fees,” said Doyle, “so it is encouraging to hear the leaders of Joint Finance listened to the concerns expressed by Wisconsinites.”

“We still have a lot of work ahead of us,” noted Doyle. “There are going to be many difficult issues to be tackled in this budget process but today I am grateful that bipartisanship prevailed and we were able to save SeniorCare.”

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