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### Rep. Danou Appointed to Speaker's Taskforce on Mental Health

Today, Rep. Chris Danou (D-Trempealeau) issued the following statement regarding his appointment to the Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health:

"As a former police officer and advocate for improved mental health services, I am proud to have been appointed to serve on the Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health," said Danou.

"It's clear we need to move beyond discussion and actually work on the issues facing those who live with mental illness. By addressing the issues that those with mental illness suffer, we will also be helping their families as well as others in the community," Danou said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in an effort to provide greater access to treatment and minimize the negative perception that surrounds mental illness."

Prior to his election to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2008, Rep. Danou worked as a police officer for the Onalaska Police Department. Rep. Danou is currently a member on the Wisconsin Crime Victims Council (WCVC) that provides resources for the emotional and psychological effects to crime victims, as well as compensation for certain financial losses. The WCVC also helps explain victim's rights in the criminal justice system and assists in exercising those rights.

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