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Rep. Novak Fights for SeniorCare

Madison... State Representative Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville) issued the following statement regarding his support for preserving SeniorCare:

“I have been contacted by many constituents who are concerned about the Governor’s proposed budget. The budget covers a large range of subjects and issues; the proposed cuts to long term care and aging care programs is an issue that many are apprehensive about. “

“Recently, I authored a letter to the Co-Chair of the Joint Finance Committee, Representative John Nygren. The letter conveyed my strong support for SeniorCare. I expressed how the proposed changes to SeniorCare, is specifically troubling to the senior residents of my district who are enrolled in the program. SeniorCare is an important program that ensures the elderly are able to afford the medications they need, even those that aren’t covered under Medicare. I am pleased with Representative Nygren’s announcement that he and fellow colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee intend to support SeniorCare.”

“On behalf of my constituents and seniors across the state, I intend to fight to Preserve and Save SeniorCare. It is a vital program that benefits our seniors by keeping prescriptions affordable.”

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Representative Novak serves the 51st Assembly District, which includes parts of Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Sauk Counties.

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DAVE HEATON

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Representative Heaton Voices Support for Preserving SeniorCare

MADISON – Representative Dave Heaton released the following statement after Joint Finance Committee Co-chair Rep. John Nygren signaled his support for Wisconsin’s SeniorCare in the state budget:

“I am extremely pleased to hear of Rep. Nygren’s recent announcement about preserving SeniorCare in our next biennial budget. Having heard from many Wisconsin residents, including those in the 85th District over the past several weeks, it became clear that maintaining our state’s prescription drug program was a critical piece to supporting Wisconsin seniors.

“Responding to this feedback, I recently authored a letter to Rep. Nygren voicing my support for SeniorCare as well as a budget motion that would continue to fund this successful program. I am happy to hear that this input was effective in an effort to preserve this program.

“There are many people in the 85th Assembly District and across the state that rely on SeniorCare to secure certainty and protection against rising prescription drug expenses and tax increases. I look forward to continuing to advocate for this prescription program as I and my colleagues continue to work through the state budget.”

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Joint Finance Committee Announces Support For Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program

Madison –Rep. Scott Krug (R-Rome) sent a letter to Representative John Nygren the Assembly Co-Chair of Joint Finance Committee (JFC) urging the committee to explore options for maintaining SeniorCare for Wisconsin's senior citizens. "Earlier this week I sent a letter to Represented John Nygren urging him and his fellow JFC members to consider maintaining Wisconsin's SeniorCare program and I'm happy to hear them commit today to supporting the program."

SeniorCare helps guarantee that Wisconsin's seniors are able to afford the prescription medications they require, especially if they are not covered by Medicare. This makes SeniorCare a necessary program for Wisconsin's senior citizens. As of this moment there are over 80,000 Wisconsin seniors enrolled in SeniorCare. "Ever since Governor Walker introduced the state's Budget Proposal, the proposed changes to SeniorCare have been one of the top concerns my constituents have contacted me about."

Senior citizens rely on the program because it is more affordable than similar prescription drug programs like Medicare Part D. Additionally, a majority of seniors are on fixed incomes and rely on programs like SeniorCare that provide them with protection and certainty from things like tax increases and rising prescription drug costs. "I want to thank Co-Chairs Nygren and Darling and their fellow JFC members who listened and responded so quickly to the concerns of myself and their fellow colleagues in the legislature and more importantly Wisconsin's Senior Citizens."

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JAMES W. EDMING

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Rep. Edming Praises Support for SeniorCare Program

Madison – State Representative James W. Edming (R-Glen Flora) issued the following statement after Joint Finance Committee Co-Chair Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette) announced his support for SeniorCare – the state-run prescription drug program for seniors.

“Recently, I wrote a letter to Rep. Nygren urging the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to reassess the proposed changes to SeniorCare. I authored the letter after being contacted by several constituents who were deeply concerned with these potential changes. I am glad that the letter was met with such success and that members of JFC also support preserving this program.”

“SeniorCare started in 2001 and currently has more than 80,000 enrollees throughout the state. Through this program, participants purchase supplemental prescription coverage to assist with medications that Medicare may not cover. SeniorCare is vital to our elderly and it offers them greater access to affordable prescription medications.”

“I am pleased that this program will be maintained and will continue to serve Wisconsin’s seniors.”

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NANCY VANDERMEER

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For Immediate Release:
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Rep. VanderMeer Supports Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program

Madison – State Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) issued the following statement regarding her support for SeniorCare:

“Since Governor Walker’s budget address in February, I have heard many personal stories and concerns from my constituents about the potential changes to aging and long term care programs, specifically SeniorCare. I believe it’s crucial that we preserve this essential program so seniors can continue to afford their prescriptions.

“Recently, I sent a letter to Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette), Assembly Co-Chair of the Joint Finance Committee, stating my strong support for preserving the SeniorCare program in our state’s budget. I am encouraged by Rep. Nygren’s recent announcement that he and my Assembly colleagues on the Joint Finance Committee are supporting a continuation of SeniorCare.

“Wisconsin has a strong record of caring for our elderly and it’s clear that SeniorCare is an essential prescription program for them. I am committed to SeniorCare and am proud to have served as an influential voice in the fight to protect this program for the senior citizens of the 70th Assembly District.”

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.



JOEL KITCHENS

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Rep. Kitchens Works to Preserve SeniorCare

Madison – State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) issued the following statement after Joint Finance Committee Co-Chair Rep. John Nygren signaled his support for SeniorCare – the state-run prescription drug program for Wisconsin seniors:

“I am beyond pleased to hear that Rep. Nygren announced his support, on behalf of Assembly Republicans, for the SeniorCare program. While the biennial budget is vast, my constituents have made it clear that SeniorCare is a top priority.

“Recently, I authored a letter to Rep. Nygren expressing my deep-seated desire for his committee to reconsider the proposed changes to SeniorCare. This program is so vital for keeping medications affordable for elderly citizens living on a fixed income. I am happy to see that my letter was influential and the Finance Committee will heed the advice of my constituents and preserve SeniorCare.

“I would like to thank all the people that contacted my office to voice their support for SeniorCare. It is thanks to you that this popular and successful program will continue to thrive in our state. I would also like to encourage all of my constituents to keep contacting my office with their thoughts and opinions as we continue to move through the budget process. It is only through your input that we can make changes to the budget that will positively impact our district and Wisconsin as a whole.”

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ROBERT BROOKS

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Representative Rob Brooks supports preservation of SeniorCare

Madison, WI—Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) issued the following statement after Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Co-Chairman of the Joint Finance Committee, signaled his support for preserving SeniorCare—a state-run prescription drug program for senior citizens.

“I am beyond elated that Representative John Nygren announced his support for preserving SeniorCare for current enrollees. The program has been beneficial for Wisconsin seniors since its inception in 2001. Today, more than eighty-thousand Wisconsin seniors are enrolled in this program. SeniorCare is unique to Wisconsin, and we are fortunate to have this program for our seniors. It allows enrollees to purchase supplemental prescription coverage to help with medications that might not be covered by Medicare.”

“I would like to extend a thank you to all of the sixtieth district constituents who contacted my office regarding this consequential program. Your reaching out to legislative offices was one of the driving forces behind Assembly Republicans’ decision to preserve SeniorCare.”

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