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## **Weekly Democratic Radio Address: "Caring for our Senior Citizens"**

MADISON – Senator Tim Carpenter offered the following Democratic Weekly Radio address today regarding care for Wisconsin senior citizens.

**"Senate Democrats will continue to fight to keep these programs like FamilyCare intact to ensure Wisconsin keeps its promise to care for our seniors, and treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve." - Sen. Tim Carpenter**

The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen03/carpenterradio8.18.16.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

*"Hello, this is State Senator Tim Carpenter, Happy Senior Citizens Day this August 18th. Protecting the programs that our seniors rely on has long been a legislative priority of mine. One of these programs is called FamilyCare, which helps seniors get the assistance they need to be able to stay in their own homes, instead of more expensive nursing facilities.*

*"However, Governor Walker's administration is trying to redesign these programs, without the public input of seniors who use FamilyCare, or their caregivers. The guarded and closed fashion in which these changes are being made is causing seniors and their caregivers unnecessary worry and concern.*

*"Seniors and participants in this program were not told what was wrong with the program that needed*

*fixing. I salute those participants in this program who let their voices of dissatisfaction be heard. It is a testament to the tenacity of folks that forced the Walker administration to back of its plan for now.*

*"When government makes changes to such important programs, it should be done with open, public hearings so that seniors and their advocates can be informed, and have the opportunity for input. Senate Democrats will continue to fight to keep these programs like FamilyCare intact to ensure Wisconsin keeps its promise to care for our seniors, and treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve."*

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