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Sen. Testin to Serve on Attorney General's Task Force on Elder Abuse

Task Force Aims to Protect Seniors from financial, physical, emotional, and sexual abuse

Milwaukee, WI – In the last year, one out of every nine seniors has reported being the victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. With a projected 72% increase in Wisconsin's senior population over the next two decades, state officials are acting now to protect seniors.

Earlier today at the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) conference, Attorney General Brad Schimel announced the formation of a task force on elder abuse. Senator Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) will join the Attorney General, Rep. Tom Weatherston (Racine), and experts in the fields of elder care, law enforcement, and consumer protection when they convene for their first meeting in October.

"By working together to find solutions to elder abuse, we can help more people lead better lives," said Sen. Testin. "People in their golden years have earned the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labor. No one deserves to be a target."

The task force intends to meet quarterly, with issue-focused working groups meeting more frequently.

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