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Rep. Spreitzer Helps Deliver 13,500 Save SeniorCare Petitions

MADISON –State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) today joined Democratic colleagues to announce the collection of more than 13,500 signatures in support of SeniorCare. Rep. Spreitzer helped collect signatures over the past eight weeks from constituents concerned over Governor Walker's plan to force SeniorCare participants onto Medicare Part D.

"SeniorCare saves money and saves lives, which is why Democrats are working hard to see the program continue unchanged," said Spreitzer. "Although some of my colleagues across the aisle have recently expressed support for saving SeniorCare, Republican leaders say they're still open to enrollment caps and increasing fees.

"Saving SeniorCare means leaving SeniorCare alone," Spreitzer noted. "Increasing annual premiums and co-pays or cutting off future enrollment simply means SeniorCare will suffer a slower death than in the Governor's proposal."

More than 85,000 people are currently enrolled in SeniorCare. Enrollees benefit from the program's simple enrollment process, $30 annual fee, income-based deductibles, and $5 co-pays for generic drugs. Most participants save hundreds of dollars each year, over what their costs would be on Medicare Part D. Additionally, taxpayers save $90 million per year through SeniorCare's direct negotiation with drug companies.

"I would like to thank everyone who has signed a petition, called my office, wrote a letter or sent an email in support of SeniorCare," Spreitzer added.

Democratic lawmakers delivered the 13,500 signatures supporting SeniorCare to Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Joint Finance Committee members, and Governor Scott Walker.

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