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**Miller, Steve**

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**From:** Nerad, Ben  
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**Attachments:** SeniorCare Resolution Draft 2.doc



SeniorCare  
Resolution Draft 2...

**Ben Nerad**  
**Office of State Rep. Tom Nelson**  
**5 North, State Capitol**  
**608-266-2418**

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**SeniorCare Resolution Draft-2**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's congressional delegation has made great strides to save SeniorCare, Wisconsin's highly successful prescription drug program for seniors, and should be duly thanked for their efforts to save the program; and

WHEREAS, SeniorCare, is set to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, unless the federal government grants the state's request for a three-year waiver to continue the program; and

WHEREAS, many of SeniorCare's current 105,000 beneficiaries, and an untold number of future beneficiaries, may face undue hardship if the program were to end; and

WHEREAS, in most cases, SeniorCare provides better coverage, is less expensive and much easier to apply for than the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit; and

WHEREAS, unlike Medicare Part D, SeniorCare negotiates lower prices with drug companies and actually costs taxpayers much less than the federal program; and

WHEREAS, the federal government spends on average about \$617 per SeniorCare participant, almost half as much as the \$1,174 it spends per Medicare Part D participant; and

WHEREAS, SeniorCare has already saved Wisconsin seniors and taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars since its inception in 2002, reducing prescription drug costs for more than 100,000 seniors by almost \$200 million in State Fiscal Year 2006 alone; and

WHEREAS, according to an analysis by AARP Wisconsin, more than 94 percent of seniors are better off on SeniorCare than they would be under Medicare Part D because the co-payments are lower and the coverage is more comprehensive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on October 23, 2006, to extend the state's SeniorCare Pharmacy Plus Waiver for three years to June 30, 2010; be it

***Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That*** the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin calls on Congress to urge President George W. Bush and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to support and extend the federal waiver that funds Wisconsin's SeniorCare program; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the Assembly Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the President and Secretary of the U.S. Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, and to each member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting to the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2007 Legislature of the State of Wisconsin.



8:00  
today or  
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as possible

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## 2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

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to approve SeniorCare.

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Relating to: ???

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1 delegation from this state attesting to the adoption of this joint resolution by the 2007

2 ~~Legislature of the State of Wisconsin.~~

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**Basford, Sarah**

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**From:** Rep.Nelson  
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