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SENATE  
2007 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

Today  
if possible.

1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to approve SeniorCare.

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

5       Whereas, SeniorCare is set to expire on June 30, 2007, unless the federal  
6 government grants the state's request for a three-year waiver to continue the  
7 program; and

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

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

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

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

7           Whereas, SeniorCare has already saved Wisconsin seniors and taxpayers  
8 hundreds of millions of dollars since its inception in 2002, reducing prescription drug  
9 costs for more than 100,000 seniors by almost \$200 million in state fiscal year 2006  
10 alone; and

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12 of seniors are better off on SeniorCare than they would be under Medicare Part D  
13 because the copayments are lower and the coverage is more comprehensive; and

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

18           **Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** the legislature of  
19 the state of Wisconsin calls on Congress to urge President George W. Bush and U.S.  
20 Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to support  
21 and extend the federal waiver that funds Wisconsin's SeniorCare program; and, be  
22 it further

23           **Resolved, That** the <sup>Senate</sup>~~assembly~~ chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint  
24 resolution to the president and secretary of the U.S. senate, to the speaker and chief  
25 clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each member of the congressional

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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**Barman, Mike**

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**From:** Genrich, Eric  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2007 4:59 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 07-2453/1 Topic: Senior Care

Please Jacket LRB 07-2453/1 for the SENATE.

**Miller, Steve**

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**From:** Genrich, Eric  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2007 4:47 PM  
**To:** Miller, Steve  
**Subject:** Re-Draft LRB-2453

Can you change the draft to one which just memorializes President Bush to reverse Sec. Leavitt's decision. I don't think we need any references to Congress. Thanks, Steve.

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*urging the president to extend*

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