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New Senior Citizen Assistance Flier

When I was young, one of the most important lessons I was taught was to respect my elders. I believe our state does a great job providing respect and assistance to our senior citizens, and I have recently released a flyer that provides helpful information on where senior citizens can find assistance.

The Senior Citizen Assistance flier contains many of the phone numbers for contacts that would be helpful for our area seniors on one convenient document. These programs range from efforts that help seniors continue to live as independently as possible, to how to get meals delivered, transportation options, and information regarding nursing home placement and rights for nursing home residents.

I've highlighted some of the bills from the past session that the Legislature worked on that could affect seniors, should the governor sign them into law. I also include information about the 2010 Medicare budget, because it's important for our seniors to know that despite the historic budget shortfall, there were no cuts made to the Medicaid Program pertaining to income eligibility and services. In fact, a critical component, the MoRX Plan, remains fully funded at \$19.5 million.

MoRX helps seniors by paying 50 percent of out-of-pocket costs for prescriptions covered by Medicare Part D. This means that seniors can save half of their deductible and co-pays just by enrolling in the program. I encourage any senior who might benefit from the MoRX program to contact the Mid-East Area Agency on Aging at (800) 243-6060 to find out more.

My new Senior Citizen Assistance flier will be in select mailboxes soon, and can also be found on my website at www.senate.mo.gov/Keaveny. Please feel free to print it out or email it to a senior that would benefit from this helpful information.

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