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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Stewart J. Greenleaf *Stewart*
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship -- Alzheimer's disease program

I am reintroducing **Senate Bill 520**, amending The Administrative Code of 1929 (Act 175) to give the Department of Health statutory authorization to implement a program to assist Alzheimer's disease patients. This program includes diagnostic and evaluation services, day-care centers, temporary care in nursing or boarding homes, and in-home visiting or temporary nursing services.

The department may contract with other public or private organizations to provide the services. In addition, the department may award grants for the provision of these services. A matching requirement of private funds is required before the state funds may be expended on the program.

This program complements the services provided to relatives who bear the primary responsibility for at-home care of Alzheimer's patients. Those services are provided under the Family Caregiver Support Act, 1990 Act 204.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at psnively@pasen.gov.