

Release of  
***Lifelines for Elders Living on the Edge:  
How Elder Support Programs Compare to Living Costs  
The Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index for MA  
2009***

Thursday, June 18, 2009  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.  
MA State House  
Room 222

**Agenda**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Senator Patricia Jehlen and Representative Alice Wolf  
Chairs of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs

**Why this Report is Important**

Bob Green, President of MA Association of Older Americans (MAOA)  
Ellie Shea-Delaney, Interim Secretary of MA Executive Office of Elder  
Affairs

**Report Overview, Findings and Recommendations**

Laura Henze Russell, Gerontology Institute at the University of  
Massachusetts Boston

**Example of Effective Partnership Development: Chair, Food SNAP Coalition**

Pat Baker, Staff Advocate, Mass Law Reform Institute

**Personal Reflections on Support Programs**

Juanda Drumgold, Senior Resident of Massachusetts

**Update on the MA Elder Economic Security Standard Index for 2009**

Ellen A. Bruce, Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts  
Boston

**The National Perspective**

Stacy Sanders, Field Manager of the National Elder Economic Security  
Initiative, Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)

**Questions/Discussion**

**Closing Comments**

Senator Jehlen and Representative Wolf