

MA Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens Concerns

<p><i>On the Edge: Facing a Challenging and Uncertain Future The Elder Economic Security Standard and What it Means for Elders in Massachusetts</i></p>
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**Thursday, February 15, 2007
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Room B-2
The State House**

Welcome and Introduction – Rep. Barbara L'Italien, Co-Chair of Caucus

***Why are Massachusetts Elders 'On the Edge?'* The Elder Standard for MA**

**Laura Henze Russell, Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack
Graduate School of Policy Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston
Q&A on the Findings**

The Elder Economic Security Standard: Setting a Policy Agenda

Ann Hartstein, Executive Director, MA Association of Older Americans

Panel: The 'Big Three' Costs that Challenge Elders

**Housing – Chris Widelo, Advocacy Associate, AARP Massachusetts and
Chairman, MA Coalition for Senior Housing**

Health Care – Marion Aspinall, Elder Affairs SHINE Program Director

Long Term Care – Al Norman, Executive Director, Mass Home Care

Questions and Discussion

**Summary & What this Means for Caucus Agenda – Rep. Richard Ross,
Co-Chair of Caucus**