



Wider Opportunities for Women

What Massachusetts Legislators Are Saying About The Elder Economic Security Standard for Massachusetts

"The Elder Economic Security Standard provides insight into the costs of housing and healthcare for our seniors and is a useful tool to determine our future legislative and budgetary priorities."

Rep. Barbara L'Italien, Co-Chair, Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens Concerns

"The findings of the Elder Standard will solidify what we see in our communities and the struggles we hear about from our constituents. It's a starting point to developing comprehensive solutions."

Rep. Richard Ross, Co-Chair, Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens Concerns

"It helps us think about, in a more concrete way, what it takes to stay alive, for an older person in different parts of the state. So when we make the case for changing eligibility requirements for certain programs, we can point out what kinds of pressures people are facing."

Senator Patricia Jehlen, Senate Co-Chair, MA Elder Affairs Committee

"Elders face many fiscal challenges in Massachusetts, including housing, health care and prescription drug costs. We, as the legislature, must review policies to help elders to be able to afford to continue to live in Massachusetts and have their needs met affordably."

Rep. Robert Correia, House Co-Chair, MA Elder Affairs Committee

"I recently had a report delivered to my office, titled, "The Elder Economic Security Standard for Massachusetts," which was put together by the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston... The report clearly indicates that many elders with low and modest incomes in every county across the state are unable to cover their basic needs. As we begin the new legislative session, this study can serve as one of many tools to help guide the discussion and debates as how to best serve our state's elder population. It is important that we increase public awareness of the basic costs that elders face in Massachusetts."

Senator Richard Tisei, Minority Leader, MA Senate

"The information and insights that Laura Russell will share at the forum will guide participants to making strong recommendations to public and private sector leaders on the North Shore regarding the direction over the next two decades for older adults and baby boomers alike."

Rep. Mary Grant, D-Beverly, Co-Sponsor, Aging 2020: A Vision for the N. Shore