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Weekly Radio Address: Rep. John Macco: Assembly Passes Elder Care Bills

MADISON – State Representative John Macco (R-Ledgeview) released the weekly radio address on behalf of Wisconsin Legislative Republicans.

Hello, I'm Representative John Macco from Green Bay.

This week, the Assembly took up and passed several of my elder care bills with strong bipartisan support. These bills, which were a product of Attorney General Schimel's Taskforce on Elder Abuse, will help deter and prevent the physical and financial exploitation of elderly Wisconsinites.

Since 2001, reported allegations of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation have nearly tripled in our state. In 2020 alone, over 25 million dollars were stolen from Wisconsin seniors. With more Wisconsinites retiring each day, it's critical that we act to curb cases of elder abuse across the state and Assembly Bills [44](#), [45](#) and [46](#) will help accomplish that.

These bills increase criminal penalties for crimes against the elderly, in order to deter bad actors from targeting our loved ones. They also expand the tool belts of financial professionals to stop fraudulent transactions and give retiring Wisconsinites some peace of mind.

Our work is far from done, but the passage of these elder care bills was an important first step in our efforts to end elder abuse.

Audio: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/Macco_Radio_5.12.2021.mp3

Video: <https://youtu.be/nBcV9sJyvyc>

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