



THE LEAGUE
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OF DOOR COUNTY

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Subject: ACTION RECOMMENDED

Good afternoon - We hope this finds you all safe at home this afternoon. Below you will find an action letter sent to Senator Frank Lasee today. The same letter was sent to Representative Garey Bies. Please consider sending each a personal email, letter or phone message offering your own input on this issue so important to Door County residents.

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Senator Frank Lasee
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Dear Senator Lasee,

The League of Women Voters of Door County urges you to support the funding of Family Care expansion to include Door County **and the other counties** in the Northeast Wisconsin Long

Term Care District (*Brown, Oconto, Marinette, Kewaunee, Shawano and Menominee Counties*). Family Care is a "managed care" business approach to long term care services for functionally and financially eligible adults with disabilities. It is currently offered in 57 counties in Wisconsin. We believe it is time for this program to be expanded to Door County as well as the other Northeast Wisconsin counties that have been planning for several years to implement it. One of the important features of Family Care is that waiting lists for services are eliminated. Because Door County has not been given permission to implement this program, the citizens of Door County do not get this benefit. A recent statistic notes that 90 citizens (some for as long as 10 years) are on waiting lists in our county, while citizens in the 57 Family Care counties get immediate services. This is simply unfair.

We urge Governor Scott Walker and our state legislators to see the value of expanding one of the most popular and cost-effective long-term care programs for seniors and people with disabilities in the country by including Family Care expansion in the 2013-15 state budget.

On behalf of the Door County League of Women voters, we urge you to approve Door County's inclusion in Family Care.

We appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration.

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