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SCHAUER, COALITION LAUNCH EFFORT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE, FINANCIAL SECURITY TOP PRIORITIES

“Divided We Fail” Campaign Calls for Bipartisan Approach

LANSING- Senate Democratic Leader Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) joined with consumer advocates, health care professionals, and business leaders at the Capitol today to kick off the “Divided We Fail” Campaign. The campaign is a statewide and nationwide effort to force elected officials to make improving health care accessibility and achieving greater financial security top priorities.

“There is no greater threat to Michigan’s economic recovery, or America’s long-term prosperity, than the health care crisis and financial security concerns,” said Schauer. “If we don’t work together to address these issues, our citizens will not be able to succeed and our businesses will not be able to compete.”

Included in the “Divided We Fail” platform are the goals that:

- All Americans should have access to affordable health care, including prescription drugs, and these costs should not burden future generations.
- Wellness and prevention efforts, including changes in personal behavior such as diet and exercise, should be top national priorities.
- Our children and grandchildren should have an adequate quality of life when they retire. Social Security must be strengthened without burdening future generations.
- Workers should be provided with financial incentives to save, should have access to effective retirement plans, and should be able to keep working and contributing to society regardless of age.

“Every person, whether you live on a forty acre farm or in a forty story apartment building, deserves to quality care and the chance to have enough resources to live comfortably when they retire,” said Schauer.

The AARP, Service Employees International Union, Business Roundtable, and National Federation of Independent Businesses are among the dozens of organizations supporting the campaign. For more details, visit www.dividedwefail.org.

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