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Talking Points for tonight

Thank You

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Here are the talking points for Darryl or the Lt. Governor. Dale Watson (Ombudsman) and Maria Patton (Guardian Ad Litem) will be participating (or have a representative from their area) on the panel each night.

I have told Macie Smith that Darryl and/or the Lt. Governor will be in attendance that first night May 9th and speak for 5 mins on Elder Abuse – see talking points below. If that is not the case will you please let me know by Friday or let Macie Smith know. I will not be back until May 15.

The intention of the panel is to be similar to a “town hall”.

- More than 10,000 Americans are turning 65 every day
- Our country is aging exponentially
- Currently over 46 million Americans are over the age of 65
- More than 900,000 South Carolinians are over the age of 60
- Elder abuse is any form of mistreatment that results in harm or loss to an older person
- Most common form of abuse is financial exploitation
- Legislation states that SC should provide a system of adult protection against fraud, abuse, and exploitation
- Recent report stated SC is not doing such a good job of protecting our seniors from fraud, abuse, and exploitation
- 1 in 10 Americans have experienced some form of elder abuse
- Approximately 5 million cases of elder abuse in the country per year
- Many go unreported
- These panel discussion will give seniors and their caregivers the information they need to identify, prevent, report, and connect to resources

Darryl, if you have any questions let me know. I don't leave until Saturday morning. I will be sending the Respite talking points to you tonight or tomorrow. If you need anything else let me know!

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