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My name is Greg Jamison and I am a volunteer for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging. I am a retired Pharmacist and I volunteer with the SHIP program to assist elderly consumers with mostly medicare issues. In the course of my volunteer work every week with EAAA I encounter many individuals and couples. Some of these citizen consumers have very good knowledge, have done some research and do not require much additional assistance. Unfortunately that is not the majority of consumers. The majority of consumers have very limited knowledge of insurance, its costs, how to access it, how it works (particularly Medicare) and what the consequences might be of not "getting it right" at least to the extent that they can afford. We, as you all know all too well I suspect, live in a rural state with much limited resources. Area Agencies on Aging provide a much needed resource to help these consumers choose insurance plans which they can afford and which help them to continue to live in our society and enjoy their "golden years" without additional worries about what might happen to them if they "get really sick" as one consumer mentioned to me just today as I helped them navigate the choices facing them. I urge you to support LD814 as fully as you can. All of these agencies provide resources and information to our elderly citizens and we need your continued help and support so the resource of these agencies continues to be available to these citizens of our state who have worked and contributed to our society all of their lives and just need a little information when they retire to help them continue to enjoy all of the good things our state has to offer. I appreciate your time to read this today and I appreciate your willingness to help all of our citizens live the best lives they can.

Thank You  
Greg Jamison