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To: All House Members

From: Representative Dan Deasy

Subject: Re: Power of Attorney Exploitation Protection for Seniors (formerly HB 205)

Please support my legislation which aims to protect senior citizens from being exploited by a designated power of attorney. Specifically, my bill broadens the definition of "exploitation" under the Older Adults Protective Services Act to include an individual acting under a power of attorney. In the definition of "exploitation," language is added to say that an act or course of conduct by an individual acting under a power of attorney, against an older adult or an older adult's resources.

The effect of this proposal is to clearly state that a local area agency on aging shall have the authority to investigate and access records if there is reasonable cause to believe that an individual acting under a power of attorney is exploiting the older person or their resources.

I hope that you will join me in co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation. Thank you.

Those that co-sponsored this bill during the 2019-2020 legislative session: DEASY, READSHAW, FREEMAN, YOUNGBLOOD, CIRESI, NEILSON, DeLUCA, HILL-EVANS, WARREN, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, McCLINTON and MATZIE