Dear Neighbor,

As your state representative, it is an honor and privilege to serve you.

I am dedicated to giving you peace of mind for the future and this newsletter discusses important legislation that I am working on to help protect senior citizens.

My staff and I are committed to serving with integrity and remaining accessible to you. Listening to your concerns and delivering results is an important part of my job.

Anytime you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Please cut out form and mail in an envelope to:

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Abuse and Neglect Reporting .................................................. (855) 444-3911
Do Not Call Registry ..................................................................... (888) 382-1222
Legal Hotline for MI Seniors ........................................................ (800) 347-5297
Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program ................................. (800) 803-7174
MI Consumer Protection Division ........................................... (877) 765-8388
Social Security Administration .................................................. (800) 772-1213

SERIAL RESOURCES

WANTTO STAY UP-TO-DATE?

Booklets Available Upon Request

- Peace of Mind: A Guide to Medical and Legal Decisions
- Legal Rights of Senior Adults
- Change of Address
- Consumer Protection Guide
- Services for Seniors
- Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program
- Michigan in the Civil War
- Veterans Benefits

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Avoiding Identity Theft

More than $16 billion was stolen from U.S. consumers in 2016 related to identity theft. In the past six years, identity thieves have stolen over $107 billion.

Identity theft is a silent crime. Experienced criminals may use your identifying information for months or years while you remain unaware. Often, consumers do not learn they are victims until they have been denied credit because of negative entries on their credit reports.

To reduce the risk of identity theft, never give out a Social Security number, account number, or identifying information to someone who calls and demands personal information. Review records, especially credit card, bank and mortgage statements.

Michigan has many ID theft laws to protect victims and prosecute thieves. A victim has a right to file a police report and courts may impose a $25,000 fine and a consecutive sentence of up to five years for offenders.

Giving You Peace of Mind for the Future

Hornberger Bill Improves Accountability In School Boards

I’ve introduced House Bill 4314 to improve accountability by requiring Intermediate School District (ISD) and Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) school boards to be elected by a public vote of the people.

As a teacher for the past 23 years and local school board member for six years, I was shocked to learn board members from these taxpayer-funded schools are not chosen by the people in a general election.

Every year, tax dollars go to these schools but taxpayers are not allowed to vote on who should serve on the boards. ISDs and RESAs play an important role in our communities, and local residents have the absolute right to choose these school board members.

Under my common-sense bill, candidates would have to earn the trust and confidence of the people prior to serving on these boards. The measure will help enhance our democratic process, assure the effective use of tax dollars and ultimately improve services for our students.

Hornberger Introduces Robocall Disclosure Bill

People are tired of getting a barrage of robocalls at home during election season. To make matters worse, the people who pay for these intrusive calls are not even required to publicly disclose who they are.

Residents I’ve talked with are fed up. That’s why one of the first bills I introduced as your state representative was a robocall disclosure bill.

Under House Bill 4116, any automated call relating to an election, candidate or ballot proposal must clearly state the name of the person or committee paying for the call. If people want to pay for a robocall, they should have the courage to disclose who they represent.

Unfortunately, the anonymous nature of these calls also has led some people to purposely create inaccurate robocalls to mischaracterize another candidate or issue. This must stop.

People who create political robocalls should be required to follow the same disclosure guidelines for political radio or television ads, which require a publicly stated message concerning who paid for the ad.

I’ll continue working to get this important bill approved. I want you to know I am fighting for issues that concern you as your voice in Lansing!

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IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM

Call the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) toll-free at 1-877-438-4338 or visit www.identitytheft.gov to report identity theft. The FTC will help you develop a recovery plan, including what to do right away; how to place a fraud alert and get your credit reports; and how to file a report with your local police department.

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