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MEDIA ADVISORY

Koehler urges citizens to attend Town Hall meeting to discuss options for Alzheimer's care in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – State Senator Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) is urging citizens and the media to attend a town hall meeting to discuss what options are available to residents in Illinois for those who are afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease.

Senator Koehler will host the event. Also attending will be Elizabeth Schultz, artist and caregiver, who will present "Pentimento" and Monica Vest Wheeler, a local author, who will do a 15 minute presentation on her experience with caregivers and their loved ones.

Nikki Rodriguez, Executive Director Alzheimer's Association Central Illinois Chapter, will be there as well to answer questions and discuss the states Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias State Plan Implementation.

After the presentations, there will be an open forum for audience comments and questions.

"Alzheimer's Disease is so devastating to families around the state. One of the most effective ways to help people through the tough times associated with the illness is to get them together to discuss treatment options and to just talk about their experiences. When families of patients know what is out there and available, it makes this horrible experience just a bit easier," Senator Koehler said.

WHO: State Senator Dave Koehler, members of the Alzheimer's care community, the general public

WHAT: Meeting to discuss Alzheimer's care options

WHEN: Monday, June 16, 2008 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

WHERE: Alzheimer's Association Central Illinois Chapter, 606 W. Glen, Peoria

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