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Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network: Commends Governor Evers' executive order establishing a task force on caregiving

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(MADISON, WI) – The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) commends Governor Evers' signing of an Executive Order creating a Task Force on Caregiving to address the state's crisis-level shortage of direct care workers and improve supports for families providing care for their loved ones.

"Wisconsin's caregiver crisis impacts counties and tribes all across the state," commented Robert Kellerman, Executive Director of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources and WAAN Chair. "The Governor's Task Force on Caregiving provides an opportunity to identify and act on the challenges they face."

This Task Force will bring together essential stakeholders from the Governor's administration, the legislature, those providing care and those receiving care, employers, and other key members who will inform the work of this group. Addressing the shortage of direct care workers and the challenges facing family caregivers will require a multifaceted approach. Establishing the Task Force on Caregiving sets us on the right course to explore and develop the

solutions needed to support and strengthen the direct care workforce, increase access to needed care, and improve the quality of caregiving in Wisconsin for older adults and all who need care.