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**SENIOR ADVOCATES OF WASHTENAW TO ORGANIZE TRIP
FOCUSING ON SENIOR ISSUES**

Ann Arbor, Michigan – The Senior Advocates of Washtenaw is organizing a trip for older adults interested in attending a public hearing regarding senior issues on Friday, March 17th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services) at 2651 Saulino Ct. in Dearborn. Sponsored by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the hearing is an opportunity for seniors, caregivers, and advocates to provide input into the 2007-2009 State Plan on Services to Michigan's Older Citizens.

Those interested in attending should contact Scott Layher, Senior Advocacy Coordinator, at 734-712-3625 or slayher@csswashtenaw.org. Reservations must be made by no later than March 15. Free transportation to the hearing is being provided by local organizations.

The Senior Advocates of Washtenaw is part of the Blueprint for Aging, a partnership of consumers, public, private, nonprofit agencies, and funders who are engaging the county in a strategic planning process in response to the concerns and expectations of older adults. The Blueprint for Aging is an integral part of Community Partnerships for Older Adults (CPFOA) – a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, one of 11 projects nationwide selected from a field of 486 applicants to receive a planning grant in 2004. The Blueprint for Aging is endorsed by the Washtenaw County Human Services Community Collaborative and has received major support from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation.

For more information about the Senior Advocates of Washtenaw and the Blueprint for Aging, contact Scott Layher at 734.712.3625 or slayer@csswashtenaw.org.

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