



**Dear Illinois Lawmaker:**

As a constituent, I urge you to protect Illinois seniors' pensions and legal rights by supporting HB1826.

Many widows and widowers lose their pensions or see cuts in their Social Security – which they need to maintain decent lives - if they remarry. House Bill 1826 would give committed senior couples the benefits and legal recognition they need and deserve without forcing anyone to lose benefits.

House Bill 1826 would give committed senior couples the right to emergency medical decision making, the right to share a nursing home or hospital room, the right to visit a loved one in the hospital, the right to make funeral arrangements and the right to control disposition of remains. House Bill 1826 would also offer them domestic violence protections.

Please pass House Bill 1826 so seniors and their loved ones have basic legal protections.

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