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Dear Friends,

The Executive Committee of the NC Partnership to Address Adult Abuse (NCP3A) enthusiastically adopts the legislative priorities from the following organizations as its legislative platform for the current session of the NC General Assembly:

- **Friends of Residents in LTC (FORLTC.org):** Appropriate additional recurring state appropriations to meet the growing need and complexity of Adult Protective Services in North Carolina.
- **Social Services Consortium-NC Assoc. of County DSS Directors and NC Assoc. of County Boards of Social Services (NCACDSS.org ):** Increase funding and enhance services for Adult Protective Services and Guardianship while also improving Behavioral Health Services for vulnerable, older and disabled adults.
- **NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature (NCSTHL.org):** Strengthen and fund North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program.
- **NC Coalition on Aging (nccoalitiononaging.org):** Increase state funding and support for adult protective services (APS) and guardianship services and conduct a comprehensive evaluation of these services.
- **NC Association of County Commissioners (ncacc.org):** Health and Human Services - Approved Goal HHS-3: Support increased funding and legislation to strengthen adult protective services.

These priorities are consistent with the NCP3A mission to *promote safe communities for older adults and adults with disabilities in NC through prevention, recognition, protection and prosecution of abuse, neglect, and exploitation.*

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