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**Florida Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Richard Prudom Releases Statement on Governor DeSantis' Recommended Funding Increases for Older Floridians**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis released his Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget recommendations, which includes increases in funding to support Florida seniors, their families, and caregivers.

The Governor's recommended investments will help the Department of Elder Affairs to advance Livable Florida, ensure the protection of those under the care of a guardian, serve seniors and caregivers in need of long-term care services, and provide continued support for Florida's Aging Network.

"Governor DeSantis is hard at work to ensure that our state is a place where seniors and their caregivers can live safely and age well," **said Richard Prudom, Secretary for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.** "Through his Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget recommendations, the Governor is making Florida a model as an Age-Friendly and Dementia-Caring State where seniors are cared for and protected from abuse, neglect, and exploitation."

To learn more about the Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget recommendations, visit <http://bolderbrighterbetterfuture.com>.

For more information about the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, visit [www.elderaffairs.org](http://www.elderaffairs.org).

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