

I fully support this bill to put together a task force. This issue is more prevalent than most would think. I've managed hoarding patients who are elderly. When I've approached families they are in complete denial of there being a problem. Our elderly population is so at risk; there are so many that are along or with an elderly spouse and have no resources to keep up until one of us on the team recognize there is an issues. The resources are limited. N Bristol I contacted the Fire Department and the Town Housing Department. When visiting one of our client's home they stated they could do nothing about it as she had a path to the door and the bathroom were clear so they left with their hands in the air stating they've seen much worse. Especially for those elderly with no families around and some form of dementia. I am writing to congratulate and encourage that this study be put together as it is so needed to train towns to recognize and intervene before it becomes crisis that the costs are much higher. I would participate as well if there are needed members. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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