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Letter: Steven J. Horowitz: Hoping that series will help end elder abuse

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Thank you for publishing the informative series “Elder Abuse in R.I.” Elder abuse is an unspeakable crime. The articles clearly described the abuse, highlighted the key issues and barriers to the prosecution of criminals, and provided a look at how other states work to protect elders.

Saint Elizabeth Community founded Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice (www.stelizabethcommunity.org) in 2009. The haven provides a safe shelter and works in the community to provide case management, safety planning and advocacy to victims of elder abuse.

Saint Elizabeth Community is also a member of the SPRING Alliance (<https://www.springalliance.org/>), which seeks justice for victims of elder abuse and raises awareness about elder abuse, with a goal of ending it.

I commend the authors of this article, and Tracy Breton for her guidance to the reporters, and hope that these articles are a catalyst for change in Rhode Island. Saint Elizabeth Community would like to continue to be a part of the solution and see an end of elder abuse.

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