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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
United States House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Walberg
United States House of Representatives
2266 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Blunt Rochester and Walberg:

AARP, on behalf of its nearly 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, is pleased to endorse the Stop Senior Scams Act, your legislation to establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council that would collect and publish educational materials and information on model programs that may be used by retailers, financial services, and wire-transfer companies as a guide to prevent scams that target senior citizens.

AARP, with its long history of fighting for protections for older Americans, has been on the forefront of advocacy in support of federal and state laws and regulations that prevent financial exploitation and scams targeting seniors. In addition, we have engaged in extensive work through the AARP Fraud Watch Network, which is a nationwide program focused on empowering consumers to protect themselves, their families, and their communities from fraud and scams and that provides tips to spot and avoid scams like identity theft, investment fraud, and holiday scams.

Recognizing that scams are a pervasive and increasing problem that specifically threatens our members' and all Americans' financial security, AARP supports your efforts to combat the financial exploitation of older Americans.

For these reasons, we thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you and your colleagues on a bipartisan basis to enact this legislation into law. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Jasmine Vasquez on our Government Affairs staff at JVasquez@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

David Certner
Legislative Counsel and Legislative Policy Director