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The Honorable Tim Walberg
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Dear Representatives Blunt Rochester, Walberg, Deutch, Buchanan, and Welch:

AARP, on behalf of our 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, is pleased to endorse the Fraud and Scam Reduction Act of 2021. We appreciate your bipartisan leadership and commitment in combating the financial exploitation of older Americans.

AARP has a long history of fighting for protections for older Americans and has been on the forefront of advocacy in support of federal and state laws and regulations that prevent financial exploitation and scams targeting seniors. The AARP Fraud Watch Network empowers consumers to protect themselves, their families, and their communities from fraud and scams, and provides tips to spot and avoid scams like identity theft, investment fraud, and holiday scams.

Thanks to your efforts, the Fraud and Scam Reduction Act would establish a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council tasked with creating 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 seniors. We also appreciate that the legislation would create an office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to advise the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) about the prevention of fraud targeting seniors and to assist the FTC with monitoring the market for mail, television, internet, telemarketing, and robocalls targeting older Americans.

Scammers steal billions of dollars from unsuspecting consumers every year. The effect on victims and their families can be financially and emotionally devastating, especially for older Americans. That is why AARP is pleased to support your legislation to fight back against fraud and scams.
Thank you again for your bipartisan leadership. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to enact the Seniors Fraud Prevention Act into law. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Dawit Kahsai on our Government Affairs team at dkahsai@aarp.org.

Sincerely,

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