

February 21, 2019

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr. U. S. Senate 393 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
U.S. Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey and Senator Moran:

On behalf of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), I write to express support for the Stop Senior Scams Act (S. 149) and to thank you for reintroducing this important bill.

As the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the country, NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its 120,000 members, to create and maintain professional standards, and to advance sound social policies. Integral to that mission is advocacy for elder justice.

People of all ages deserve to be treated fairly. As you know, however, financial exploitation affects a growing number of older adults each year. Fortunately, such abuse can be prevented by strengthening the social structure supporting older adults. The Stop Senior Scams Act helps to mitigate elder financial exploitation by establishing a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council. This council will engage in the following activities:

- collect, develop, and disseminate educational materials on fraud and fraud prevention for use by retailers, financial institutions, and wire companies
- explore ways these businesses can educate the public about scams.

Your legislation will help to create a just society that maximizes the ability of each of us to age with dignity, health, and economic security. NASW commends you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Angelo McClain, PhD, LICSW

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