

November 19, 2018

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

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

Dear Senator Casey and Senator Moran:

I write, on behalf of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and its 120,000 members, to express NASW's support for the Senior Scams Prevention Act (S. 3522) and to thank you for introducing this important legislation.

As the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the country, NASW works to enhance the professional growth and development of its 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 Senior Scams Prevention 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 in which we can all age with dignity, health, and economic security. NASW applauds you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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