



July 25, 2025

The Honorable Gabe Amo  
United States House of Representatives  
1119 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jefferson Shreve  
United States House of Representatives  
224 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Amo and Shreve:

AARP, which advocates for more than 100 million Americans age 50 and older, is pleased to endorse the bipartisan *STOP Scams Against Seniors Act*. This critical legislation will strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies at the state, local, and federal levels to combat the growing epidemic of financial fraud targeting older Americans.

According to the FBI's 2024 IC3 Annual Report, individuals over 60 reported nearly \$4.9 billion in fraud losses in 2024—a staggering 43% increase from the previous year. The average amount stolen per victim rose to \$83,000, up from \$34,000 in 2023. These losses are not only devastating to individual victims but also have broader economic consequences, reducing local economic activity in the local communities where victims live.

The STOP Scams Against Seniors Act addresses this crisis by authorizing federal funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program to establish and support Elder Justice Task Forces across the country. These task forces will improve coordination among law enforcement agencies and amplify investigative resources to pursue and prosecute criminals who exploit older adults.

AARP supports fraud victims through our Fraud Watch Helpline, which receives approximately 100,000 calls annually, and through our victim support groups. The stories we hear are heartbreaking—and too often, the perpetrators escape justice. The STOP Scams Against Seniors Act will help change that by ensuring law enforcement agencies can effectively coordinate and prosecute these crimes.

We thank you for your leadership in championing this legislation and urge Congress to pass the STOP Scams Against Seniors Act. We look forward to working with you to protect older Americans from financial exploitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff reach out to Clark Flynt-Barr of our Government Affairs team at [cflyntbarr@aarp.org](mailto:cflyntbarr@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney".

Bill Sweeney  
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