



June 4, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
The Honorable Tim Walberg
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Blunt Rochester and Congressman Walberg:

Consumer Reports writes in support of H.R. 2610, The Stop Senior Scams Act. Your legislation would create a Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council, to compile and develop educational materials to help businesses who deal with seniors be better able to watch for and identify potential scams.

The Advisory Council would bring together senior officials from the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and other regulatory and law enforcement agencies; representatives from financial, retail, gift card, telecommunications, and wire transfer sectors; and senior and consumer advocates.

The Advisory Council promises to be of significant benefit in developing practical information to help protect seniors against victimization. These materials would help stop fraud and deception against seniors, by helping identify suspicious transactions early so that they can be investigated, and where warranted, law enforcement can be notified.

We appreciate your leadership on this effort to protect senior citizens from scammers who may be targeting them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'George P. Slover'.

George P. Slover
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