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July 7, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

On June 15, 2020, the Senate passed and sent to the House **S.149, Stop Senior Scams Act**. On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that the House take action on this important legislation. The companion bill **H.R.2610, Stop Senior Scams Act**, has been pending in the Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce since May 10, 2019.

As you know, seniors in particular have become targets for criminals who often pose as a family member in distress with the family member's replicated voice to extort money from a senior family member. These crooks even pose as officials of government agencies to create fear to scam their victims. Far too often our nation's seniors have had their identities stolen or even their savings taken by these predators.

Passage of the **Stop Senior Scams Act** would charge the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to establish an advisory group called the Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Council. Membership on the Advisory Council would include representatives of the FTC, the Department of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, industry sectors, including retail, telecommunications, and financial services, consumer and senior advocacy groups, and other interested entities.

The Advisory Council would be tasked with studying existing and creating new educational materials intended to identify and prevent scams that effect seniors. The Chairman of the FTC would distribute these materials to the public

To learn more about why the NRLN supports enactment of the **Stop Senior Scams Act**, ask a member of your staff to contact me or Alyson Parker, our Executive Director in Washington, DC at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

I look forward to learning of the House's passage of the **Stop Senior Scams Act**.

Sincerely,

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