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The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader United States Senate 322 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-3203

Dear Majority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for a vote in the Senate on **H.R.1215, Fraud and Scam Reduction Act**. The bill was passed by the House and received in the Senate on April 19, 2021. A similar bill, **S. 337, Stop Scams Act**, was introduced by Senator Bob Casey on February 22, 2021 and is awaiting action in the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

The bills would create an office and advisory group at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to coordinate and share anti-scam resources with seniors. The bills also would direct the commission to promote efforts to prevent scams and fraud targeting older Americans and provide an annual report to Congress.

Further, FTC would be required to establish an advisory office in the Bureau of Consumer Protection to assist the FTC in monitoring scams targeting older adults, educating consumers, and receiving complaints. The NRLN believes **H.R. 1215** should be amended to include strong penalties against those who perpetrate fraud and scams against seniors.

To learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R. 1215** please ask a member of your staff to contact me or Alyson Parker, the NRLN's Executive Director in Washington, DC at 813-545-6792 or <u>executivedirector@nrln.org</u>.

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