



July 24, 2025

The Honorable Katie Britt  
United States Senate  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Britt and Gillibrand:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million older Americans age 50 and older, is pleased to endorse the *GUARD Act*. This bipartisan legislation would help to equip state and local law enforcement, who are on the front lines responding to fraud, with the resources they need to investigate fraud, hold criminals accountable and bring justice to victims.

According to the [FTC](#), an estimated \$61.5 billion dollars was stolen from Americans age 60 and over in 2023. According to the [FBI](#), the average amount lost by older adults was \$33,915 – a life changing amount of money for many, with significant and lasting impacts on older victims' financial security. AARP supports many of these fraud victims through our [Fraud Watch Helpline](#), which receives approximately 100,000 calls a year, as well as through AARP's victim support groups. Their stories are heart wrenching – even more so because so many of these criminals are able to get away with it.

Your bill will give law enforcement the tools they need to lock up these criminals who victimize America's seniors. Specifically, it will direct grants to law enforcement agencies to hire agents, train police, and secure specialized software to help conduct fraud investigations. This strong approach will help us tackle fraud and secure justice for victims.

AARP thanks you for your leadership in championing this legislation and urges Congress to pass the *GUARD Act*. We look forward to working with you to protect fraud victims through this important legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact Clark Flynt-Barr of our Government Affairs staff at [cflyntbarr@aarp.org](mailto:cflyntbarr@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Sweeney" clearly distinguishable.

Bill Sweeney  
Senior Vice President  
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