The Honorable Jon Tester   The Honorable Bill Hagerty
United States Senate   United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510   Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senators Tester and Hagerty:

We, the undersigned associations, write to express our strong support for the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act (S. 1481/H.R 500). We appreciate your leadership on this important legislation, which will provide critical tools to address suspected financial exploitation of seniors and vulnerable adults.

Reports estimate that one in five Americans over the age of 65 has been a victim of financial exploitation. Our industry is often the first to notice the signs of possible financial abuse of vulnerable clients and is best positioned to report it. This legislation provides an important safeguard between financial transactions by allowing a registered investment company or transfer agent to delay redemption of a security if it reasonably believes such redemption was requested through the exploitation of a security holder who is a senior or unable to protect their own interests. This buffer is vital because once assets have been disbursed, they are difficult to get back.

The legislation received unanimous, bipartisan support in the House and we urge the Senate to pass it without delay. We remain committed to the prevention of elder financial abuse and support efforts to prevent bad actors from exploiting vulnerable investors. Thank you for your leadership and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Congress to enact this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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