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To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—SUPPORTING FEDERAL CASES INVOLVING ELDER JUSTICE

Sec. 101. Supporting Federal cases involving elder justice.

TITLE II—IMPROVED DATA COLLECTION AND FEDERAL COORDINATION

Sec. 201. Establishment of best practices for local, State, and Federal data collection.

Sec. 202. Effective interagency coordination and Federal data collection.

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Sec. 301. Sense of the Senate.

Sec. 302. Report.

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Sec. 401. Short title.

Sec. 402. Enhanced penalty for telemarketing and email marketing fraud directed at elders.

Sec. 403. Training and technical assistance for States.

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TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 501. Court-appointed guardianship oversight activities under the Elder Justice Act of 2009.

Sec. 502. GAO reports.

Sec. 503. Outreach to State and local law enforcement agencies.

Sec. 504. Model power of attorney legislation.

Sec. 505. Best practices and model legislation for guardianship proceedings.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act—

3 (1) the terms “abuse”, “adult protective serv-  
4 ices”, “elder”, “elder justice”, “exploitation”, “law  
5 enforcement”, and “neglect” have the meanings  
6 given those terms in section 2011 of the Social Secu-  
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j);

8 (2) the term “elder abuse” includes abuse, ne-  
9 glect, and exploitation of an elder; and

1           (3) the term “State” means each of the several  
 2 States of the United States, the District of Colum-  
 3 bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any  
 4 other territory or possession of the United States.

5 **TITLE I—SUPPORTING FEDERAL**  
 6 **CASES INVOLVING ELDER**  
 7 **JUSTICE**

8 **SEC. 101. SUPPORTING FEDERAL CASES INVOLVING ELDER**  
 9 **JUSTICE.**

10 (a) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.—

11           (1) ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATORS.—The At-  
 12 torney General shall designate in each Federal judi-  
 13 cial district not less than one Assistant United  
 14 States Attorney to serve as the Elder Justice Coor-  
 15 dinator for the district, who, in addition to any other  
 16 responsibilities, shall be responsible for—

17           (A) serving as the legal counsel for the  
 18 Federal judicial district on matters relating to  
 19 elder abuse;

20           (B) prosecuting, or assisting in the pros-  
 21 ecution of, elder abuse cases;

22           (C) conducting public outreach and aware-  
 23 ness activities relating to elder abuse; and

24           (D) ensuring the collection of data re-  
 25 quired to be collected under section 202.

1           (2) INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT.—The Attorney  
2           General, in consultation with the Director of the  
3           Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall, with respect  
4           to crimes relating to elder abuse, ensure the imple-  
5           mentation of a regular and comprehensive training  
6           program to train agents of the Federal Bureau of  
7           Investigation in the investigation and prosecution of  
8           such crimes and the enforcement of laws related to  
9           elder abuse, which shall include—

10                   (A) specialized strategies for commu-  
11                   nicating with and assisting elder abuse victims;  
12                   and

13                   (B) relevant forensic training relating to  
14                   elder abuse.

15           (3) RESOURCE GROUP.—The Attorney General,  
16           through the Executive Office for United States At-  
17           torneys, shall ensure the operation of a resource  
18           group to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experi-  
19           ence, sample pleadings and other case documents,  
20           training materials, and any other resources to assist  
21           prosecutors throughout the United States in pur-  
22           suing cases relating to elder abuse.

23           (4) DESIGNATED ELDER JUSTICE WORKING  
24           GROUP OR SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE ATTORNEY GEN-  
25           ERAL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF UNITED STATES

1       ATTORNEYS.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
2       of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in  
3       consultation with the Director of the Executive Of-  
4       fice for United States Attorneys, shall establish a  
5       subcommittee or working group to the Attorney  
6       General’s Advisory Committee of United States At-  
7       torneys, as established under section 0.10 of title 28,  
8       Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-  
9       to, for the purposes of advising the Attorney General  
10      on policies of the Department of Justice relating to  
11      elder abuse.

12      (b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ELDER JUSTICE CO-  
13      ORDINATOR.—Not later than 60 days after the date of en-  
14      actment of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate  
15      an Elder Justice Coordinator within the Department of  
16      Justice who, in addition to any other responsibilities, shall  
17      be responsible for—

18           (1) coordinating and supporting the law en-  
19           forcement efforts and policy activities for the De-  
20           partment of Justice on elder justice issues;

21           (2) evaluating training models to determine  
22           best practices and creating or compiling and making  
23           publicly available replication guides and training ma-  
24           terials for law enforcement officers, prosecutors,  
25           judges, emergency responders, individuals working in

1 victim services, adult protective services, social serv-  
2 ices, and public safety, medical personnel, mental  
3 health personnel, financial services personnel, and  
4 any other individuals whose work may bring them in  
5 contact with elder abuse regarding how to—

6 (A) conduct investigations in elder abuse  
7 cases;

8 (B) address evidentiary issues and other  
9 legal issues; and

10 (C) appropriately assess, respond to, and  
11 interact with victims and witnesses in elder  
12 abuse cases, including in administrative, civil,  
13 and criminal judicial proceedings; and

14 (3) carrying out such other duties as the Attor-  
15 ney General determines necessary in connection with  
16 enhancing the understanding, prevention, and detec-  
17 tion of, and response to, elder abuse.

18 (c) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

19 (1) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ELDER JUS-  
20 TICE COORDINATOR.—Not later than 60 days after  
21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Chairman of  
22 the Federal Trade Commission shall designate with-  
23 in the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Fed-  
24 eral Trade Commission an Elder Justice Coordi-

1 nator who, in addition to any other responsibilities,  
2 shall be responsible for—

3 (A) coordinating and supporting the en-  
4 forcement and consumer education efforts and  
5 policy activities of the Federal Trade Commis-  
6 sion on elder justice issues; and

7 (B) serving as, or ensuring the availability  
8 of, a central point of contact for individuals,  
9 units of local government, States, and other  
10 Federal agencies on matters relating to the en-  
11 forcement and consumer education efforts and  
12 policy activities of the Federal Trade Commis-  
13 sion on elder justice issues.

14 (2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1  
15 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and  
16 once every year thereafter, the Chairman of the Fed-  
17 eral Trade Commission and the Attorney General  
18 shall each submit to the Committee on the Judiciary  
19 of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary  
20 of the House of Representatives a report detailing  
21 the enforcement actions taken by the Federal Trade  
22 Commission and the Department of Justice, respec-  
23 tively, over the preceding year in each case in which  
24 not less than one victim was an elder or that in-  
25 volved a financial scheme or scam that was either

1 targeted directly toward or largely affected elders,  
2 including—

3 (A) the name of the district where the case  
4 originated;

5 (B) the style of the case, including the case  
6 name and number;

7 (C) a description of the scheme or scam;  
8 and

9 (D) the outcome of the case.

10 (d) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—No additional  
11 funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this  
12 section.

13 **TITLE II—IMPROVED DATA COL-**  
14 **LECTION AND FEDERAL CO-**  
15 **ORDINATION**

16 **SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF BEST PRACTICES FOR**  
17 **LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL DATA COLLEC-**  
18 **TION.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in con-  
20 sultation with Federal, State, and local law enforcement  
21 agencies, shall—

22 (1) establish best practices for data collection to  
23 focus on elder abuse; and



1           (2) provide technical assistance to State, local,  
2           and tribal governments in adopting the best prac-  
3           tices established under paragraph (1).

4           (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
5 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall pub-  
6 lish the best practices established under subsection (a)(1)  
7 on the website of the Department of Justice in a publicly  
8 accessible manner.

9           (c) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
10 construed to require or obligate compliance with the best  
11 practices established under subsection (a)(1).

12 **SEC. 202. EFFECTIVE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND**  
13 **FEDERAL DATA COLLECTION.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in con-  
15 sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
16 ices shall, on an annual basis—

17           (1) collect from Federal law enforcement agen-  
18           cies, other agencies as appropriate, and Federal  
19           prosecutors' offices statistical data related to elder  
20           abuse cases, including cases or investigations where  
21           one or more victims were elders, or the case or in-  
22           vestigation involved a financial scheme or scam that  
23           was either targeted directly toward or largely af-  
24           fected elders; and

1 (2) publish on the website of the Department of  
2 Justice in a publicly accessible manner—

3 (A) a summary of the data collected under  
4 paragraph (1); and

5 (B) recommendations for collecting addi-  
6 tional data relating to elder abuse, including  
7 recommendations for ways to improve data re-  
8 porting across Federal, State, and local agen-  
9 cies.

10 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The data collected under sub-  
11 section (a)(1) shall include—

12 (1) the total number of investigations initiated  
13 by Federal law enforcement agencies, other agencies  
14 as appropriate, and Federal prosecutors' offices re-  
15 lated to elder abuse;

16 (2) the total number and types of elder abuse  
17 cases filed in Federal courts; and

18 (3) for each case described in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) the name of the district where the case  
20 originated;

21 (B) the style of the case, including the case  
22 name and number;

23 (C) a description of the act or acts giving  
24 rise to the elder abuse;

1 (D) in the case of a scheme or scam, a de-  
 2 scription of such scheme or scam giving rise to  
 3 the elder abuse;

4 (E) information about each alleged pepe-  
 5 trator of the elder abuse; and

6 (F) the outcome of the case.

7 (c) HHS REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Health  
 8 and Human Services shall, on an annual basis, provide  
 9 to the Attorney General statistical data collected by the  
 10 Secretary relating to elder abuse cases investigated by  
 11 adult protective services, which shall be included in the  
 12 summary published under subsection (a)(2).

13 (d) PROHIBITION ON INDIVIDUAL DATA.—None of  
 14 the information reported under this section shall include  
 15 specific individual identifiable data.

16 **TITLE III—ENHANCED VICTIM**  
 17 **ASSISTANCE TO ELDER**  
 18 **ABUSE SURVIVORS**

19 **SEC. 301. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

20 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

21 (1) The vast majority of cases of abuse, neglect,  
 22 and exploitation of older adults in the United States  
 23 go unidentified and unreported.

1           (2) Not less than \$2,900,000,000 is taken from  
2           older adults each year due to financial abuse and ex-  
3           ploitation.

4           (3) Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have  
5           no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gen-  
6           der, and geographic lines.

7           (4) Older adults who are abused are 3 times  
8           more likely to die earlier than older adults of the  
9           same age who are not abused.

10          (5) Up to half of all older adults with dementia  
11          will experience abuse.

12          (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the  
13          Senate that—

14               (1) elder abuse involves the exploitation of po-  
15               tentially vulnerable individuals with devastating  
16               physical, mental, emotional, and financial con-  
17               sequences to the victims and their loved ones;

18               (2) to combat this affront to America’s older  
19               adults, we must do everything possible to both sup-  
20               port victims of elder abuse and prevent the abuse  
21               from occurring in the first place; and

22               (3) the Senate supports a multipronged ap-  
23               proach to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, pro-  
24               tect the victims of elder abuse and exploitation from

1 further harm, and bring the perpetrators of such  
2 crimes to justice.

3 **SEC. 302. REPORT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5 date on which the collection of statistical data under sec-  
6 tion 202(a)(1) begins and once each year thereafter, the  
7 Director of the Office for Victims of Crime shall submit  
8 a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate  
9 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-  
10 resentatives that addresses, to the extent data are avail-  
11 able, the nature, extent, and amount of funding under the  
12 Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.)  
13 for victims of crime who are elders.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-  
15 section (a) shall include—

16 (1) an analysis of victims' assistance, victims'  
17 compensation, and discretionary grants under which  
18 elder abuse victims (including elder victims of finan-  
19 cial abuse, financial exploitation, and fraud) received  
20 assistance; and

21 (2) recommendations for improving services for  
22 victims of elder abuse.

1 **TITLE IV—ROBERT MATAVA**  
2 **ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTION**  
3 **ACT OF 2017**

4 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Robert Matava Elder  
6 Abuse Prosecution Act of 2017”.

7 **SEC. 402. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR TELEMARKETING AND**  
8 **EMAIL MARKETING FRAUD DIRECTED AT EL-**  
9 **DERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 113A of title 18, United  
11 States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in the chapter heading, by inserting “**AND**  
13 **EMAIL MARKETING**” after “**TELE-**  
14 **MARKETING**”;

15 (2) by striking section 2325 and inserting the  
16 following:

17 “§ 2325. **Definition**

18 “In this chapter, the term ‘telemarketing or email  
19 marketing’—

20 “(1) means a plan, program, promotion, or  
21 campaign that is conducted to induce—

22 “(A) purchases of goods or services;

23 “(B) participation in a contest or sweep-  
24 stakes;

1           “(C) a charitable contribution, donation, or  
2           gift of money or any other thing of value;

3           “(D) investment for financial profit;

4           “(E) participation in a business oppor-  
5           tunity;

6           “(F) commitment to a loan; or

7           “(G) participation in a fraudulent medical  
8           study, research study, or pilot study,

9           by use of one or more interstate telephone calls,  
10          emails, text messages, or electronic instant messages  
11          initiated either by a person who is conducting the  
12          plan, program, promotion, or campaign or by a pro-  
13          spective purchaser or contest or sweepstakes partici-  
14          pant or charitable contributor, donor, or investor;  
15          and

16          “(2) does not include the solicitation through  
17          the posting, publication, or mailing of a catalog or  
18          brochure that—

19                 “(A) contains a written description or il-  
20                 lustration of the goods, services, or other oppor-  
21                 tunities being offered;

22                 “(B) includes the business address of the  
23                 solicitor;

24                 “(C) includes multiple pages of written  
25                 material or illustration; and

1           “(D) has been issued not less frequently  
2           than once a year,  
3           if the person making the solicitation does not solicit  
4           customers by telephone, email, text message, or elec-  
5           tronic instant message, but only receives interstate  
6           telephone calls, emails, text messages, or electronic  
7           instant messages initiated by customers in response  
8           to the written materials, whether in hard copy or  
9           digital format, and in response to those interstate  
10          telephone calls, emails, text messages, or electronic  
11          instant messages does not conduct further sollicita-  
12          tion.”;

13           (3) in section 2326, in the matter preceding  
14          paragraph (1)—

15           (A) by striking “or 1344” and inserting  
16           “1344, or 1347 or section 1128B of the Social  
17           Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b)”;

18           (B) by inserting “or email marketing”  
19           after “telemarketing”; and

20           (4) by adding at the end the following:

21          **“§ 2328. Mandatory forfeiture**

22           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The court, in imposing sentence  
23          on a person who is convicted of any offense for which an  
24          enhanced penalty is provided under section 2326, shall  
25          order that the defendant forfeit to the United States—



1           “(1) any property, real or personal, constituting  
2           or traceable to gross proceeds obtained from such of-  
3           fense; and

4           “(2) any equipment, software, or other tech-  
5           nology used or intended to be used to commit or to  
6           facilitate the commission of such offense.

7           “(b) PROCEDURES.—The procedures set forth in sec-  
8           tion 413 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.  
9           853), other than subsection (d) of that section, and in  
10          Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure,  
11          shall apply to all stages of a criminal forfeiture proceeding  
12          under this section.”.

13          (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

14                 (1) The table of chapters at the beginning of  
15                 part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
16                 by striking the item relating to chapter 113A and  
17                 inserting the following:

“113A. Telemarketing and email marketing fraud ..... 2325”.

18                 (2) The table of sections for chapter 113A of  
19                 title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
20                 ing after the item relating to section 2327 the fol-  
21                 lowing:

“2328. Mandatory forfeiture.”.

1 **SEC. 403. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR**  
2 **STATES.**

3 The Attorney General, in consultation with the Sec-  
4 retary of Health and Human Services and in coordination  
5 with the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (established  
6 under section 2021 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 1397k)), shall create, compile, evaluate, and disseminate  
8 materials and information, and provide the necessary  
9 training and technical assistance, to assist States and  
10 units of local government in—

11 (1) investigating, prosecuting, pursuing, pre-  
12 venting, understanding, and mitigating the impact  
13 of—

14 (A) physical, sexual, and psychological  
15 abuse of elders;

16 (B) exploitation of elders, including finan-  
17 cial abuse and scams targeting elders; and

18 (C) neglect of elders; and

19 (2) assessing, addressing, and mitigating the  
20 physical and psychological trauma to victims of elder  
21 abuse.

22 **SEC. 404. INTERSTATE INITIATIVES.**

23 (a) **INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS AND COMPACTS.—**

24 The consent of Congress is given to any two or more  
25 States (acting through State agencies with jurisdiction

1 over adult protective services) to enter into agreements or  
 2 compacts for cooperative effort and mutual assistance—

3 (1) in promoting the safety and well-being of el-  
 4 ders; and

5 (2) in enforcing their respective laws and poli-  
 6 cies to promote such safety and well-being.

7 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERSTATE COMMU-  
 8 NICATION.—The Executive Director of the State Justice  
 9 Institute, in consultation with State or local adult protec-  
 10 tive services, aging, social, and human services and law  
 11 enforcement agencies, nationally recognized nonprofit as-  
 12 sociations with expertise in data sharing among criminal  
 13 justice agencies and familiarity with the issues raised in  
 14 elder abuse cases, and the Secretary of Health and  
 15 Human Services, shall submit to Congress legislative pro-  
 16 posals relating to the facilitation of interstate agreements  
 17 and compacts.

## 18 **TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS**

### 19 **SEC. 501. COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIANSHIP OVERSIGHT** 20 **ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT** 21 **OF 2009.**

22 Section 2042(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 23 1397m–1(c)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(and, in the  
 25 case of demonstration programs described in para-

1 graph (2)(E), to the highest courts of States)” after  
2 “States”;

3 (2) in paragraph (2)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
5 (A), by inserting “(and the highest courts of  
6 States, in the case of demonstration programs  
7 described in subparagraph (E))” after “local  
8 units of government”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or”  
10 after the semicolon;

11 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as  
12 subparagraph (F); and

13 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (D),  
14 the following new subparagraph:

15 “(E) subject to paragraph (3), programs  
16 to assess the fairness, effectiveness, timeliness,  
17 safety, integrity, and accessibility of adult  
18 guardianship and conservatorship proceedings,  
19 including the appointment and the monitoring  
20 of the performance of court-appointed guard-  
21 ians and conservators, and to implement  
22 changes deemed necessary as a result of the as-  
23 sessments such as mandating background  
24 checks for all potential guardians and conserva-  
25 tors, and implementing systems to enable the

1 annual accountings and other required con-  
2 servatorship and guardianship filings to be com-  
3 pleted, filed, and reviewed electronically in order  
4 to simplify the filing process for conservators  
5 and guardians and better enable courts to iden-  
6 tify discrepancies and detect fraud and the ex-  
7 ploitation of protected persons; or”;

8 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and  
9 (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

10 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2), the fol-  
11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR COURT-APPOINTED  
13 GUARDIANSHIP OVERSIGHT DEMONSTRATION PRO-  
14 GRAMS.—

15 “(A) AWARD OF GRANTS.—In awarding  
16 grants to the highest courts of States for dem-  
17 onstration programs described in paragraph  
18 (2)(E), the Secretary shall consider the rec-  
19 ommendations of the Attorney General and the  
20 State Justice Institute, as established by sec-  
21 tion 203 of the State Justice Institute Act of  
22 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10702).

23 “(B) COLLABORATION.—The highest court  
24 of a State awarded a grant to conduct a dem-  
25 onstration program described in paragraph

1           (2)(E) shall collaborate with the State Unit on  
2           Aging for the State and the Adult Protective  
3           Services agency for the State in conducting the  
4           demonstration program.”;

5           (5) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-  
6           graph (3) of this section), by inserting “(and, in the  
7           case of demonstration programs described in para-  
8           graph (2)(E), the highest court of a State)” after “a  
9           State”; and

10          (6) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by  
11          inserting “(or, in the case of demonstration pro-  
12          grams described in paragraph (2)(E), the highest  
13          court of a State)” after “State” each place it ap-  
14          pears.

15 **SEC. 502. GAO REPORTS.**

16          (a) ELDER JUSTICE RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later  
17          than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
18          the Comptroller General of the United States shall review  
19          existing Federal programs and initiatives in the Federal  
20          criminal justice system relevant to elder justice and shall  
21          submit to Congress—

22                 (1) a report on such programs and initiatives;  
23          and

1           (2) any recommendations the Comptroller Gen-  
2           eral determines are appropriate to improve elder jus-  
3           tice in the United States.

4           (b) REPORT ON ELDER ABUSE AND INTERNATIONAL  
5 CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES.—Not later than 18 months  
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
7 General of the United States shall submit to Congress a  
8 report on—

9           (1) the extent to which older adults of the  
10          United States are being exploited in global drug  
11          trafficking schemes and other international criminal  
12          enterprises;

13          (2) the extent to which the exploitation of older  
14          adults of the United States by international criminal  
15          enterprises has resulted in the incarceration of these  
16          citizens of the United States in foreign court sys-  
17          tems, including a description of the total number of  
18          such cases pending in foreign court systems; and

19          (3) whether, and to what extent, the Federal  
20          Government has intervened with foreign officials on  
21          behalf of citizens of the United States who are elder  
22          abuse victims in international criminal enterprises,  
23          including a description, to the extent such data is  
24          available, of—

1 (A) the total annual number of elder abuse  
2 cases pending in the United States and foreign  
3 court systems; and

4 (B) the total annual number of citizens of  
5 the United States who are over the age of 60  
6 years and who are incarcerated overseas as a  
7 result of their exploitation in global drug traf-  
8 ficking schemes or other international criminal  
9 enterprises.

10 **SEC. 503. OUTREACH TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCE-**  
11 **MENT AGENCIES.**

12 The Attorney General shall submit to the Committee  
13 on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the  
14 Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report on ef-  
15 forts by the Department of Justice to conduct outreach  
16 to State and local law enforcement agencies on the process  
17 for collaborating with the Federal Government for the  
18 purpose of investigating and prosecuting interstate and  
19 international elder financial exploitation cases.

20 **SEC. 504. MODEL POWER OF ATTORNEY LEGISLATION.**

21 The Attorney General shall publish model power of  
22 attorney legislation for the purpose of preventing elder  
23 abuse.



1 **SEC. 505. BEST PRACTICES AND MODEL LEGISLATION FOR**  
2 **GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS.**

3       The Attorney General shall publish best practices for  
4 improving guardianship proceedings and model legislation  
5 relating to guardianship proceedings for the purpose of  
6 preventing elder abuse.

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