



November 25, 2013

Congressman Raul Ruiz, MD  
1319 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013

Dear Congressman Ruiz:

On behalf of the Indio Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with this letter of support for your proposed public safety legislation *Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013*. As one of the most vulnerable segments of our society, it is important to protect our senior citizens both on a local community level and throughout the entire United States.

The legislation you are proposing is proactive and designed to protect our senior citizens before tragedy strikes and their identity or life-supporting resources are lost. I commend you for proposing legislation that promotes the dissemination of ongoing and up to date education to the senior community along with contact information to the agencies entrusted to immediately address potential fraud through multiple outreach vehicles. These resources will help to protect the individual and empower them to contact agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Attorney General's Office and law enforcement to protect their fellow citizens on a local, state, and federal level.

The *Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013* is a vital step to educate our community, identify and track "fraudsters" and protect our senior citizens who have so diligently committed their lives to protecting our society for future generations to come. This public safety legislation is critically important to both Riverside County and the country as a whole, and we thank you for taking the point on such an important issue. If you would like to discuss this topic in more detail, please feel free to contact me at 760-391-4035 or via email at [rtwiss@indiopd.org](mailto:rtwiss@indiopd.org).

Cordially,

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Richard P. Twiss  
Chief of Police



October 29, 2013

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Rooney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
221 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ruiz and Representative Rooney:

AARP is pleased to endorse the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act. Your bill would require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to identify the ten most common health care fraud schemes targeting seniors. More importantly, it would require HHS to notify Medicare beneficiaries of such schemes on a quarterly basis. By being more aware of fraud, and knowing how to identify it, Medicare beneficiaries can better protect themselves.

Medicare fraud costs the program billions of dollars each year. Reducing waste, fraud, and abuse is a top priority for AARP and our members. Strengthening program integrity through better beneficiary education is a responsible solution for improving Medicare and our health care system. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues important to older Americans. If you have any questions, please contact Ariel Gonzalez on our Government Affairs staff at (202) 434-3770 or at [agonzalez@aarp.org](mailto:agonzalez@aarp.org).

Sincerely,

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Joyce A. Rogers  
Senior Vice President  
Government Affairs



October 10, 2013

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ruiz:

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I am writing to endorse the bipartisan “Protect Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act,” which you will be introducing with Representative Thomas Rooney.

The National Committee is particularly supportive of provisions in the “Protect Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act” that are intended to educate seniors about health care fraud schemes and protect them from falling victim to fraud. In addition, we support your bill’s requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services and the Justice Department compile a list of the most prevalent health care schemes and mail a list of the top ten fraud practices to seniors. Your legislation also includes important provisions to enable seniors to report scams and help in efforts to apprehend criminals.

We look forward to working with you to protect individual Medicare beneficiaries from criminals who use fraudulent methods to secure their personal information and, possibly, their retirement savings, as well as to protect the Medicare program from unnecessary spending due to fraud and abuse.

Sincerely,

Max Richtman  
President and CEO



President  
**Barbara J. Easterling**

Secretary-Treasurer  
**Ruben Burks**

September 23, 2013

Dear Representative Ruiz:

On behalf of the four million members of the Alliance for Retired Americans, we are writing in support of your legislation, the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act of 2013. This legislation would educate and empower seniors by amending the Social Security Act to distribute additional information to Medicare beneficiaries about health care fraud.

Since seniors require more health care services, they spend more financial resources on health care relative to the general population. It is not surprising that law enforcement agencies have reported an increase in health care fraud targeting older Americans. Medicare beneficiaries must be educated about scams so that they can protect themselves and report the perpetrators.

The Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act would address this issue by requiring federal agencies to produce a top ten list of the most prevalent health care schemes. This list would be mailed to seniors annually and updated quarterly. In addition, the list would be provided to Congress and law enforcement agencies in order to help them devise new methods of combating health care fraud.

We thank you for introducing this important legislation and look forward to working with you. Your leadership in this effort demonstrates your commitment to older Americans. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Fiesta or Eva Dominguez at the Alliance Department of Government and Political Affairs.

Sincerely yours,

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Barbara J. Easterling  
President

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Ruben Burks  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Edward F. Coyle  
Executive Director





*Working to improve  
the lives of Hispanic  
older adults and  
their families*

November 18, 2013

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Rooney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
221 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Ruiz and Representative Rooney:

On behalf of the National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) - the leading national organization working to improve the lives of Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers - I am writing to express support for the bipartisan Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act. NHCOA looks forward to working with you to empower seniors across the country to detect, report, and prevent health care fraud.

As the operator of the National Hispanic Senior Medicare Patrol, NHCOA is familiar with the unique challenge health care fraud poses to Latino older adults. Data shows that the populations most vulnerable to fraud are those affected by poverty and low levels of education and English speaking ability. Hispanic older adults are less likely to become aware of or not know what to do when they become victims of health care fraud. This leads to costly errors in health care-related billing and misuse of taxpayer dollars.

The Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act would help older adults by educating them on the most common types of fraud. Showing seniors what they need to look out for empowers them to be their own advocates. Additionally, the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act would require the Department of Health and Human Services and federal law enforcement officials to develop policy solutions designed to reduce fraud schemes.

NHCOA is happy to join your efforts in reducing fraud in the Medicare and health care systems. We are also happy to work with your offices to support the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act. Please feel free to contact NHCOA's Public Policy Associate, Jason Coates, at [jcoates@nhcoa.org](mailto:jcoates@nhcoa.org) or at 202-347-9733.

Sincerely,

Yanira Cruz, Dr.PH  
President & CEO



November 22, 2013

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1319 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ruiz:

Latinos for a Secure Retirement (LSR) – a coalition that advocates for the preservation of the hard-earned retirement benefits of Latino seniors – is pleased to endorse your legislation, the Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act (H.R. 3616). This legislation aims to identify health scams in order to protect older adults.

Unfortunately, older individuals are an easy prey for scam artists. This is particularly true among Latino seniors, many of whom have difficulties with the language. Scam artists are also using the opening of the health insurance marketplaces on October 1<sup>st</sup> to prey upon Medicare beneficiaries, including many Latinos, who are confused and unaware that Medicare beneficiaries are exempt from the insurance marketplaces.

The Protecting Seniors from Health Care Fraud Act would address this and other health related scams by requiring federal agencies to produce a top ten list of the most prevalent health care schemes. This list would be mailed to seniors annually and updated quarterly. In addition, the list would be provided to Congress and law enforcement agencies in order to help them devise new methods of combating health care fraud.

I applaud you for helping to empower seniors by preventing them from falling prey in the first place. LSR stands ready to work with your office in support of H.R. 3616.

Sincerely,

*Eva Dominguez*

Eva Dominguez, Executive Director

*A Coalition of Leading National Latino Organizations including*  
League of United Latin American Citizens | Labor Council for Latin American Advancement | The Hispanic Federation  
National Hispanic Council on Aging | MANA- A National Latina Organization | SER- Jobs for Progress National, Inc.  
National Association for Hispanic Elderly | American GI Forum |  
Institute for the Puerto Rican/Hispanic Elderly | National Hispanic Medical Association

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