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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chairman  
Special Committee on Aging  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Collins:

As the Executive Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime which advocates for stronger rights, protections, and services for all crime victims and the advocates who serve them, I write to congratulate you on the introduction of the *Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act of 2019*, which will create a semi-postal stamp to provide additional funding to the federal government for programs to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

We are pleased that the bill will direct the United States Postal Service to develop the semi-postal stamp and use the proceeds from its sales to provide funding to augment the elder justice initiatives at both the Administration on Aging in the Department of Health and Human Services and at the Department of Justice. These programs include prevention, education, data collection, services to protect and support victims, and demonstration projects, in addition to initiatives to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of elder abuse and financial exploitation. Further, the departments will be able to use their resources to support dissemination of the stamp.

Thank you again for your leadership on this and other elder justice issues. Please let us know if we can be of assistance in securing passage of the *Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act of 2019*.

Sincerely,



Mai Fernandez, Executive Director