

The bipartisan 3000-member Elder Justice Coalition today offered its strong support for the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act sponsored by Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and introduced today in the Senate.

“This is one of the most comprehensive and meaningful bills ever developed to address the rapidly increasing problem of elder financial abuse in America,” said Bob Blancato, National Coordinator of the Coalition. “It goes after the problem with three solutions in mind—to ensure prosecution of those perpetrating scams, improve our data collection so we better know the extent of the problem, and provide for enhanced prevention programs and activities to avert future victimization.”

The Coalition commended Sen. Grassley for responding so quickly with legislation following a hearing on elder financial abuse Grassley held last month as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Blancato said, “The horror stories presented at that hearing prompted him to take this important and needed action. The introduction of this bill is a further testament to Sen. Grassley’s four decades of leadership and we are hopeful for passage of this bill in 2016.”

The Coalition also commended Sen. Richard Blumenthal, an original co-sponsor of the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act.