

Elder Justice Coalition

- We were established in 2003
 - The same year the first Elder Justice Act was introduced.
 - Established to get that bill passed and 15 years ago it did
- Our Coalition started with five founding members
 - Now are now close to 3000 members, including Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
- Our work has and still includes
 - being the national advocacy voice promoting elder justice through prevention of elder abuse
 - Acting as a resource to Congress, the media, and the public
 - Testifying before Congress and federal agencies
 - Offering comments on bills and regulations



Elder Abuse: The Numbers

- 1 in 10 adults 70 years old+ has experienced elder abuse in past year
- 5 million cases reported nationally each year
- Older adults lost \$4.8 billion to fraud, scams and financial exploitation schemes in 2024, fourfold increase since 2020 (FBI).
- The true annual cost of just elder financial exploitation in the U.S. is estimated to be over **\$36 billion**

FTC: Top five fraud types

1. Investment Scams
2. Government and Business imposter scams
3. Romance Scams
4. Tech Support Scams
5. Prizes, Sweepstakes, and lottery scams



EJCC's Never Ever Campaign

June 15-26, 2026

- To spread the word about imposter scams, the Elder Justice Coordinating Council is running the Never EVER Campaign
- **Runs June 15 through June 26**
- Use the hashtag #StopGovImposters
- Personalize your messages with their Toolkit:
<https://ejcc.acl.gov/avoidimposterstoolkit>



Needed: A New National Commitment to Elder Justice

- It took until 2010 to pass the Elder Justice Act
 - and it has never been renewed
 - and except for that pandemic funding, elder protection programs continue to be grossly underfunded
- How do we move ahead: We need advocacy at the most effective level—the local level.
 - This advocacy must show that elder protection should be a basic right not an aspiration.
 - We need this advocacy to show up with local stories and local data communicated to elected officials at all levels

New Elder Justice Legislation

- Tax Relief for Victims of Crimes, Scams, and Disasters Act (H.R. 3469/S. 1773)
- Strengthening Targeting of Organized Predatory (STOP) Scammers Act (S. 2670)
- STOP Scams Against Seniors Act (H.R. 6426)
- National Strategy for Combating Scams Act of 2025 (S. 3355)
- National Scam Prevention Coordination Act (HR6681)
- Romance Scam Prevention Act (H.R. 2481/S.841)
- GUARD Act-Guarding Unprotected Aging Retirees from Deception Act (S. 2544)
- Linking Seniors to Needed Legal Services Act of 2025 (H.R. 6728)
- Senior Legal Hotline Act of 2025 (H.R. 6678)
- Establish a Permanent Select Committee on Aging (H.Res.1013)
 - Committee existed from 1974 until 1993. Would be a companion to Senate Aging Committee

Increasing Funding for FY27

- We submitted Testimony to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees with Our Goals:
- Increase APS from \$15mil to \$100mil
- Increase Long-Term Care Ombudsmen from \$22mil to \$70 mil for core funding and \$65mil for assisted living facilities
- \$52 mil for the Elder Justice Act for training and services
- Increase Social Services Block Grant, main funder of APS, which has not seen an increase since 1990

Program Name	FY26 Final	FY27 Trump	FY27 House
Title VII Prevention of Elder Abuse Programs	\$26.68 million	\$26.885 million	\$28 million
<i>Long-term Care Ombudsman Program</i>	<i>\$21.9 million</i>		<i>\$23 million</i>
<i>Prevention of Elder Abuse Programs</i>	<i>\$4.7 million</i>		<i>\$5 million</i>
Title VII Elder Rights Support Activities Total	\$33.9 million	\$34 million	\$34.005 million

Elder Justice Act and Older Americans Act Reauthorization

- In 2026, Ranking Member Neal and Rep Bonamici reintroduced Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act
- Creates three new programs to address medical-legal needs, respond to social isolation and strengthen the long-term care workforce
- **Directly appropriates \$4.5 billion** for new and existing programs:
 - \$1.6B billion for post-acute and long-term care worker recruitment and retention;
 - \$1.9 billion for Adult Protective Services functions and grant programs;
 - \$232.5 million for long-term care ombudsman program grants and training;
 - \$500 million to support linkages to legal services and medical-legal partnerships;
 - \$250 million to address social isolation and loneliness.
- Older Americans Act (OAA) has not been reauthorized
 - In March 2024, Senate began the process. It almost made it over the finish line. In 2025 Senate reintroduced the OAA Reauthorization Act, House has been quiet.
- Both programs continue to exist but with concerns

At the national level, we are asking you to advocate

- House and Senate members need to know how necessary funding is to preventing elder abuse. Participate in our campaign to fund APS and LTCOP
- Contact your House members to cosponsor the Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2025
- Contact your members of Congress to support OAA Reauthorization

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Reauthorize Older Americans Act



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National Resources and Programs

- The Senate Special Committee on Aging's Aging Fraud Hotline is open weekdays, 9am-5pm ET.
- The Social Security Administration has ongoing training for field staff to protect against financial abuse. They host an annual #SlamtheScam campaign in March.
- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) helps state and local organizations develop Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Networks and provides resources for older adults and caregivers.
- The Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have elder justice coordinators.
- The Elder Care Locator website provides resources and services based location
- Contact Bob: bob@elderjusticecoalition.com
- Join the Elder Justice Coalition: <https://elderjusticecoalition.com/sign-up/>
- Visit our website: www.elderjusticecoalition.com
- Administration for Community Living: www.acl.gov
- National Center on Elder Abuse: www.ncea.aoa.gov
- Eldercare Locator: www.eldercare.gov
- CFPB: www.consumerfinance.gov/older-americans
- Ageless Alliance: www.agelessalliance.org
- Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect: www.centeronelderabuse.org
- NCPEA: www.preventelderabuse.org
- NAPSA: www.napsa-now.org