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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Grassley (for himself, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Tillis, Ms. Klobuchar, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Franken, Mr. Rubio, Ms. Collins, Mr. Whitehouse, and Ms. Hirono) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act".
- 4 (b) Table of Contents for
- 5 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.

TITLE III—ENHANCED VICTIM ASSISTANCE TO ELDER ABUSE SURVIVORS

- Sec. 301. Sense of the Senate.
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- Sec. 401. Short title.
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- Sec. 403. Training and technical assistance for States.
- Sec. 404. Interstate initiatives.

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.

6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

- 7 In this Act—
- 8 (1) the terms "abuse", "adult protective serv-
- 9 ices", "elder", "elder justice", "exploitation", "law

1	enforcement", and "neglect" have the meanings
2	given those terms in section 2011 of the Social Secu-
3	rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397j);
4	(2) the term "elder abuse" includes abuse, ne-
5	glect, and exploitation of an elder; and
6	(3) the term "State" means each of the several
7	States of the United States, the District of Colum-
8	bia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any
9	other territory or possession of the United States.
10	TITLE I—SUPPORTING FEDERAL
11	CASES INVOLVING ELDER
12	JUSTICE
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	JUSTICE. (a) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.— (1) ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATORS.—The Attorney General shall designate in each Federal judicial district not less than one Assistant United States Attorney to serve as the Elder Justice Coordinator for the district, who, in addition to any other
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	JUSTICE. (a) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.— (1) ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATORS.—The Attorney General shall designate in each Federal judicial district not less than one Assistant United States Attorney to serve as the Elder Justice Coordinator for the district, who, in addition to any other responsibilities, shall be responsible for—

1	(B) prosecuting, or assisting in the pros-
2	ecution of, elder abuse cases;
3	(C) conducting public outreach and aware-
4	ness activities relating to elder abuse; and
5	(D) ensuring the collection of data re-
6	quired to be collected under section 202.
7	(2) Investigative support.—The Attorney
8	General, in consultation with the Director of the
9	Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall, with respect
10	to crimes relating to elder abuse, ensure the imple-
11	mentation of a regular and comprehensive training
12	program to train agents of the Federal Bureau of
13	Investigation in the investigation and prosecution of
14	such crimes and the enforcement of laws related to
15	elder abuse, which shall include—
16	(A) specialized strategies for commu-
17	nicating with and assisting elder abuse victims;
18	and
19	(B) relevant forensic training relating to
20	elder abuse.
21	(3) RESOURCE GROUP.—The Attorney General,
22	through the Executive Office for United States At-
23	torneys, shall ensure the operation of a resource
24	group to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, experi-
25	ence, sample pleadings and other case documents,

- training materials, and any other resources to assist
 prosecutors throughout the United States in pursuing cases relating to elder abuse.
- (4) Designated elder justice working 5 GROUP OR SUBCOMMITTEE TO THE ATTORNEY GEN-6 ERAL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF UNITED STATES 7 ATTORNEYS.—Not later than 60 days after the date 8 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in 9 consultation with the Director of the Executive Of-10 fice for United States Attorneys, shall establish a 11 subcommittee or working group to the Attorney 12 General's Advisory Committee of United States At-13 torneys, as established under section 0.10 of title 28, 14 Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor there-15 to, for the purposes of advising the Attorney General 16 on policies of the Department of Justice relating to 17 elder abuse.
- 18 (b) Department of Justice Elder Justice Co19 Ordinator.—Not later than 60 days after the date of en20 actment of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate
 21 an Elder Justice Coordinator within the Department of
 22 Justice who, in addition to any other responsibilities, shall
 23 be responsible for—

- (1) coordinating and supporting the law enforcement efforts and policy activities for the Department of Justice on elder justice issues;
 - (2) evaluating training models to determine best practices and creating or compiling and making publicly available replication guides and training materials for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, emergency responders, individuals working in victim services, adult protective services, social services, and public safety, medical personnel, mental health personnel, financial services personnel, and any other individuals whose work may bring them in contact with elder abuse regarding how to—
 - (A) conduct investigations in elder abuse cases;
 - (B) address evidentiary issues and other legal issues; and
 - (C) appropriately assess, respond to, and interact with victims and witnesses in elder abuse cases, including in administrative, civil, and criminal judicial proceedings; and
 - (3) carrying out such other duties as the Attorney General determines necessary in connection with enhancing the understanding, prevention, and detection of, and response to, elder abuse.

(c) Federal Trade Commission.—

- (1) Federal trade commission elder Justice coordinator.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission shall designate within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission an Elder Justice Coordinator who, in addition to any other responsibilities, shall be responsible for—
 - (A) coordinating and supporting the enforcement and consumer education efforts and policy activities of the Federal Trade Commission on elder justice issues; and
 - (B) serving as, or ensuring the availability of, a central point of contact for individuals, units of local government, States, and other Federal agencies on matters relating to the enforcement and consumer education efforts and policy activities of the Federal Trade Commission on elder justice issues.
- (2) Reports to congress.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and once every year thereafter, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and the Attorney General shall each submit to the Committee on the Judiciary

1	of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary
2	of the House of Representatives a report detailing
3	the enforcement actions taken by the Federal Trade
4	Commission and the Department of Justice, respec-
5	tively, over the preceding year in each case in which
6	not less than one victim was an elder or that in-
7	volved a financial scheme or scam that was either
8	targeted directly toward or largely affected elders
9	including—
10	(A) the name of the district where the case
11	originated;
12	(B) the style of the case, including the case
13	name and number;
14	(C) a description of the scheme or scam
15	and
16	(D) the outcome of the case.
17	(d) Use of Appropriated Funds.—No additional
18	funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
19	section.

1 TITLE II—IMPROVED DATA COL-

2 LECTION AND FEDERAL CO-

3 **ORDINATION**

- 4 SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF BEST PRACTICES FOR
- 5 LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL DATA COLLEC-
- 6 TION.
- 7 (a) In General.—The Attorney General, in con-
- 8 sultation with Federal, State, and local law enforcement
- 9 agencies, shall—
- 10 (1) establish best practices for data collection to
- focus on elder abuse; and
- 12 (2) provide technical assistance to State, local,
- and tribal governments in adopting the best prac-
- tices established under paragraph (1).
- 15 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 1 year after the date
- 16 of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall pub-
- 17 lish the best practices established under subsection (a)(1)
- 18 on the website of the Department of Justice in a publicly
- 19 accessible manner.
- 20 (c) Limitation.—Nothing in this section shall be
- 21 construed to require or obligate compliance with the best
- 22 practices established under subsection (a)(1).

1	SEC. 202. EFFECTIVE INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND
2	FEDERAL DATA COLLECTION.
3	(a) In General.—The Attorney General, in con-
4	sultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
5	ices shall, on an annual basis—
6	(1) collect from Federal law enforcement agen-
7	cies, other agencies as appropriate, and Federal
8	prosecutors' offices statistical data related to elder
9	abuse cases, including cases or investigations where
10	one or more victims were elders, or the case or in-
11	vestigation involved a financial scheme or scam that
12	was either targeted directly toward or largely af-
13	fected elders; and
14	(2) publish on the website of the Department of
15	Justice in a publicly accessible manner—
16	(A) a summary of the data collected under
17	paragraph (1); and
18	(B) recommendations for collecting addi-
19	tional data relating to elder abuse, including
20	recommendations for ways to improve data re-
21	porting across Federal, State, and local agen-
22	cies.
23	(b) REQUIREMENT.—The data collected under sub-
24	section (a)(1) shall include—
25	(1) the total number of investigations initiated
26	by Federal law enforcement agencies, other agencies

1	as appropriate, and Federal prosecutors' offices re-
2	lated to elder abuse;
3	(2) the total number and types of elder abuse
4	cases filed in Federal courts; and
5	(3) for each case described in paragraph (2)—
6	(A) the name of the district where the case
7	originated;
8	(B) the style of the case, including the case
9	name and number;
10	(C) a description of the act or acts giving
11	rise to the elder abuse;
12	(D) in the case of a scheme or scam, a de-
13	scription of such scheme or scam giving rise to
14	the elder abuse;
15	(E) information about each alleged perpe-
16	trator of the elder abuse; and
17	(F) the outcome of the case.
18	(c) HHS REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Health
19	and Human Services shall, on an annual basis, provide
20	to the Attorney General statistical data collected by the
21	Secretary relating to elder abuse cases investigated by
22	adult protective services, which shall be included in the
23	summary published under subsection (a)(2).

1	(d) Prohibition on Individual Data.—None of				
2	the information reported under this section shall include				
3	specific individual identifiable data.				
4	TITLE III—ENHANCED VICTIM				
5	ASSISTANCE TO ELDER				
6	ABUSE SURVIVORS				
7	SEC. 301. SENSE OF THE SENATE.				
8	(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:				
9	(1) The vast majority of cases of abuse, neglect				
10	and exploitation of older adults in the United States				
11	go unidentified and unreported.				
12	(2) Not less than \$2,900,000,000 is taken from				
13	older adults each year due to financial abuse and ex				
14	ploitation.				
15	(3) Elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have				
16	no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gen-				
17	der, and geographic lines.				
18	(4) Older adults who are abused are 3 times				
19	more likely to die earlier than older adults of the				
20	same age who are not abused.				
21	(5) Up to half of all older adults with dementia				
22	will experience abuse.				
23	(b) Sense of the Senate.—It is the sense of the				
24	Senate that—				

- 1 (1) elder abuse involves the exploitation of po-2 tentially vulnerable individuals with devastating 3 physical, mental, emotional, and financial con-4 sequences to the victims and their loved ones;
- 5 (2) to combat this affront to America's older 6 adults, we must do everything possible to both sup-7 port victims of elder abuse and prevent the abuse 8 from occurring in the first place; and
- 9 (3) the Senate supports a multipronged ap-10 proach to prevent elder abuse and exploitation, pro-11 tect the victims of elder abuse and exploitation from 12 further harm, and bring the perpetrators of such 13 crimes to justice.

14 SEC. 302. REPORT.

- 15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
- 16 date on which the collection of statistical data under sec-
- 17 tion 202(a)(1) begins and once each year thereafter, the
- 18 Director of the Office for Victims of Crime shall submit
- 19 a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate
- 20 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
- 21 resentatives that addresses, to the extent data are avail-
- 22 able, the nature, extent, and amount of funding under the
- 23 Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601 et seq.)
- 24 for victims of crime who are elders.

1	(b) Contents.—The report required under sub-				
2	section (a) shall include—				
3	(1) an analysis of victims' assistance, victims'				
4	compensation, and discretionary grants under which				
5	elder abuse victims (including elder victims of finan-				
6	cial abuse, financial exploitation, and fraud) received				
7	assistance; and				
8	(2) recommendations for improving services for				
9	victims of elder abuse.				
10	TITLE IV—ROBERT MATAVA				
11	ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTION				
12	ACT OF 2017				
13	SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.				
14	This title may be cited as the "Robert Matava Elder				
15	Abuse Prosecution Act of 2017".				
16	SEC. 402. ENHANCED PENALTY FOR TELEMARKETING AND				
17	EMAIL MARKETING FRAUD DIRECTED AT EL-				
18	DERS.				
19	(a) In General.—Chapter 113A of title 18, United				
20	States Code, is amended—				
21	(1) in the chapter heading, by inserting "AND				
22	EMAIL MARKETING" after "TELE-				
23	MARKETING";				
24	(2) by striking section 2325 and inserting the				
25	following:				

"§ 2325. Definition

2	"In this chapter, the term 'telemarketing or email
3	marketing'—
4	"(1) means a plan, program, promotion, or
5	campaign that is conducted to induce—
6	"(A) purchases of goods or services;
7	"(B) participation in a contest or sweep-
8	stakes;
9	"(C) a charitable contribution, donation, or
10	gift of money or any other thing of value;
11	"(D) investment for financial profit;
12	"(E) participation in a business oppor-
13	tunity;
14	"(F) commitment to a loan; or
15	"(G) participation in a fraudulent medical
16	study, research study, or pilot study,
17	by use of one or more interstate telephone calls,
18	emails, text messages, or electronic instant messages
19	initiated either by a person who is conducting the
20	plan, program, promotion, or campaign or by a pro-
21	spective purchaser or contest or sweepstakes partici-
22	pant or charitable contributor, donor, or investor;
23	and
24	"(2) does not include the solicitation through
25	the posting, publication, or mailing of a catalog or
26	brochure that—

1	"(A) contains a written description or il-
2	lustration of the goods, services, or other oppor-
3	tunities being offered;
4	"(B) includes the business address of the
5	solicitor;
6	"(C) includes multiple pages of written
7	material or illustration; and
8	"(D) has been issued not less frequently
9	than once a year,
10	if the person making the solicitation does not solicit
11	customers by telephone, email, text message, or elec-
12	tronic instant message, but only receives interstate
13	telephone calls, emails, text messages, or electronic
14	instant messages initiated by customers in response
15	to the written materials, whether in hard copy or
16	digital format, and in response to those interstate
17	telephone calls, emails, text messages, or electronic
18	instant messages does not conduct further solicita-
19	tion.";
20	(3) in section 2326, in the matter preceding
21	paragraph (1)—
22	(A) by striking "or 1344" and inserting
23	"1344, or 1347 or section 1128B of the Social
24	Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b)"; and

1	(B) by inserting "or email marketing"				
2	after "telemarketing"; and				
3	(4) by adding at the end the following:				
4	"§ 2328. Mandatory forfeiture				
5	"(a) In General.—The court, in imposing sentence				
6	on a person who is convicted of any offense for which an				
7	enhanced penalty is provided under section 2326, shall				
8	order that the defendant forfeit to the United States—				
9	"(1) any property, real or personal, constituting				
10	or traceable to gross proceeds obtained from such of-				
11	fense; and				
12	"(2) any equipment, software, or other tech-				
13	nology used or intended to be used to commit or to				
14	facilitate the commission of such offense.				
15	"(b) Procedures.—The procedures set forth in sec-				
16	tion 413 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.				
17	853), other than subsection (d) of that section, and in				
18	Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure,				
19	shall apply to all stages of a criminal forfeiture proceeding				
20	under this section.".				
21	(b) Technical and Conforming Amendments.—				
22	(1) The table of chapters at the beginning of				
23	part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended				
24	by striking the item relating to chapter 113A and				
25	inserting the following:				
	"113A. Telemarketing and email marketing fraud				

1	(2) The table of sections for chapter 113A of			
2	title 18, United States Code, is amended by insert-			
3	ing after the item relating to section 2327 the fol-			
4	lowing:			
	"2328. Mandatory forfeiture.".			
5	SEC. 403. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR			
6	STATES.			
7	The Attorney General, in consultation with the Sec-			
8	retary of Health and Human Services and in coordination			
9	with the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (established			
10	under section 2021 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.			
11	1397k)), shall create, compile, evaluate, and disseminate			
12	materials and information, and provide the necessary			
13	training and technical assistance, to assist States and			
14	units of local government in—			
15	(1) investigating, prosecuting, pursuing, pre-			
16	venting, understanding, and mitigating the impact			
17	of—			
18	(A) physical, sexual, and psychological			
19	abuse of elders;			
20	(B) exploitation of elders, including finan-			
21	cial abuse and scams targeting elders; and			
22	(C) neglect of elders; and			
23	(2) assessing, addressing, and mitigating the			
24	physical and psychological trauma to victims of elder			
25	abuse.			

SEC. 404. INTERSTATE INITIATIVES.

2 (a) In	NTERSTATE	AGREEMENTS	AND	Compacts.—
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- 3 The consent of Congress is given to any two or more
- 4 States (acting through State agencies with jurisdiction
- 5 over adult protective services) to enter into agreements or
- 6 compacts for cooperative effort and mutual assistance—
- 7 (1) in promoting the safety and well-being of el-
- 8 ders; and
- 9 (2) in enforcing their respective laws and poli-
- cies to promote such safety and well-being.
- 11 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERSTATE COMMU-
- 12 NICATION.—The Executive Director of the State Justice
- 13 Institute, in consultation with State or local adult protec-
- 14 tive services, aging, social, and human services and law
- 15 enforcement agencies, nationally recognized nonprofit as-
- 16 sociations with expertise in data sharing among criminal
- 17 justice agencies and familiarity with the issues raised in
- 18 elder abuse cases, and the Secretary of Health and
- 19 Human Services, shall submit to Congress legislative pro-
- 20 posals relating to the facilitation of interstate agreements
- 21 and compacts.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS 1 SEC. 501. COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIANSHIP OVERSIGHT 3 ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT 4 OF 2009. 5 Section 2042(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 6 1397m-1(c)) is amended— 7 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting "(and, in the 8 case of demonstration programs described in para-9 graph (2)(E), to the highest courts of States)" after "States"; 10 11 (2) in paragraph (2)— 12 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph 13 (A), by inserting "(and the highest courts of 14 States, in the case of demonstration programs described in subparagraph (E))" after "local 15 16 units of government"; 17 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking "or" 18 after the semicolon; 19 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as 20 subparagraph (F); and 21 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (D), 22 the following new subparagraph: 23 "(E) subject to paragraph (3), programs 24 to assess the fairness, effectiveness, timeliness,

safety, integrity, and accessibility of adult

1	guardianship and conservatorship proceedings,
2	including the appointment and the monitoring
3	of the performance of court-appointed guard-
4	ians and conservators, and to implement
5	changes deemed necessary as a result of the as-
6	sessments such as mandating background
7	checks for all potential guardians and conserva-
8	tors, and implementing systems to enable the
9	annual accountings and other required con-
10	servatorship and guardianship filings to be com-
11	pleted, filed, and reviewed electronically in order
12	to simplify the filing process for conservators
13	and guardians and better enable courts to iden-
14	tify discrepancies and detect fraud and the ex-
15	ploitation of protected persons; or";
16	(3) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
17	(5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;
18	(4) by inserting after paragraph (2), the fol-
19	lowing new paragraph:
20	"(3) Requirements for court-appointed
21	GUARDIANSHIP OVERSIGHT DEMONSTRATION PRO-
22	GRAMS.—
23	"(A) Award of Grants.—In awarding
24	grants to the highest courts of States for dem-
25	onstration programs described in paragraph

- 1 (2)(E), the Secretary shall consider the rec-2 ommendations of the Attorney General and the 3 State Justice Institute, as established by sec-4 tion 203 of the State Justice Institute Act of 5 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10702).
 - "(B) Collaboration.—The highest court of a State awarded a grant to conduct a demonstration program described in paragraph (2)(E) shall collaborate with the State Unit on Aging for the State and the Adult Protective Services agency for the State in conducting the demonstration program.";
 - (5) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this section), by inserting "(and, in the case of demonstration programs described in paragraph (2)(E), the highest court of a State)" after "a State"; and
 - (6) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by inserting "(or, in the case of demonstration programs described in paragraph (2)(E), the highest court of a State)" after "State" each place it appears.

23 SEC. 502. GAO REPORTS.

24 (a) ELDER JUSTICE RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later 25 than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act,

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- the Comptroller General of the United States shall review existing Federal programs and initiatives in the Federal 3 criminal justice system relevant to elder justice and shall 4 submit to Congress— 5 (1) a report on such programs and initiatives; 6 and 7 (2) any recommendations the Comptroller Gen-8 eral determines are appropriate to improve elder jus-9 tice in the United States. 10 (b) Report on Elder Abuse and International
- 11 Criminal Enterprises.—Not later than 18 months 12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on— 14
- 15 (1) the extent to which older adults of the 16 United States are being exploited in global drug 17 trafficking schemes and other international criminal 18 enterprises;
 - (2) the extent to which the exploitation of older adults of the United States by international criminal enterprises has resulted in the incarceration of these citizens of the United States in foreign court systems, including a description of the total number of such cases pending in foreign court systems; and

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1	(3) whether, and to what extent, the Federal
2	Government has intervened with foreign officials on
3	behalf of citizens of the United States who are elder
4	abuse victims in international criminal enterprises,
5	including a description, to the extent such data is
6	available, of—
7	(A) the total annual number of elder abuse
8	cases pending in the United States and foreign
9	court systems; and
10	(B) the total annual number of citizens of
11	the United States who are over the age of 60
12	years and who are incarcerated overseas as a
13	result of their exploitation in global drug traf-
14	ficking schemes or other international criminal
15	enterprises.
16	SEC. 503. OUTREACH TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCE-
17	MENT AGENCIES.
18	The Attorney General shall submit to the Committee
19	on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the
20	Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report on ef-
21	forts by the Department of Justice to conduct outreach
22	to State and local law enforcement agencies on the process
23	for collaborating with the Federal Government for the
24	purpose of investigating and prosecuting interstate and
25	international elder financial exploitation cases.

1 SEC. 504. MODEL POWER OF ATTORNEY LEGISLATION.

- 2 The Attorney General shall publish model power of
- 3 attorney legislation for the purpose of preventing elder
- 4 abuse.
- 5 SEC. 505. BEST PRACTICES AND MODEL LEGISLATION FOR
- 6 GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS.
- 7 The Attorney General shall publish best practices for
- 8 improving guardianship proceedings and model legislation
- 9 relating to guardianship proceedings for the purpose of
- 10 preventing elder abuse.

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