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Med respekt til lovgiverne,

Tak for din tid. Mit navn er Kathy Waters, og jeg er administrerende direktør og medstifter af Advocating Against Romance Scammers, en nonprofitorganisation baseret i USA, men tjener på globalt plan. Sidste år etablerede og anerkendte vi officielt den 3. oktober som World Romance Scam Prevention Day. I dets åbningsår fik dette initiativ støtte fra fremtrædende enheder som Match Group, Electronic Caregivers, AARP og BBB Market Institute.

Under vores mindehøjtidelighed gennemførte vi et omfattende en-times webinar, der uddannede et mangfoldigt publikum, herunder repræsentanter fra retshåndhævelse, Big Tech og bekymrede enkeltpersoner. Sessionen dækkede væsentlige emner såsom forbrugersikkerhedsforanstaltninger implementeret af Match Group, og fremhævede, at romantik-svindel rækker ud over økonomisk udnyttelse til at omfatte følelsesmæssigt og psykologisk misbrug, som forklaret af en autoriseret terapeut. Derudover blev indsigter og sikkerhedsanbefalinger leveret af FBI, suppleret med en gribende vidnesbyrd fra et offer, der blev ofre for et betydeligt økonomisk tab i en bedragerisk svineslagterfidus, der blandede elementer af romantik og investeringssvindel.

Til den anden årlige World Romance Scam Prevention Day har AARS strategisk valgt at rette sit fokus mod det mest afgørende aspekt: offeret. AARS deltager sammen med flere andre organisationer i "MIN STEMME"-kampagnen. Dette initiativ involverer modtagelse af kort fra personer under din repræsentation, og giver ofre, der er snydt online, en stemme, samtidig med at anonymiteten bevares. I betragtning af de udbredte negative stereotyper, der er forbundet med ofre for online-romantik-svindel, afholder et betydeligt flertal sig fra at rapportere sådanne forbrydelser og fratager dermed ofrene retfærdighed. Disse kort, der tjener som deres stemme,

giver lovgiverne et håndgribeligt indblik i den dybe indvirkning af disse svindelnumre på deres vælgere. Ved at give dig "MIN STEMME"-kortene kan ofrene endelig udtrykke deres oplevelser og blive anerkendt.

Dette brev indeholder stemme(r) fra dine vælgere. Vær opmærksom på, at onlineforbrydelser såsom romantik-svindel påvirker millioner af mennesker hvert år. De penge, der er tabt fra dit land på grund af disse svindelnumre, er astronomiske, og desværre, som nævnt ovenfor, melder størstedelen af ofrene sig ikke.

Endnu en gang vil jeg gerne udtrykke min oprigtige tak for din tid og omtanke. Vi er beærede over at være en del af enhver ændring, der måtte ske på vegne af dine borgeres stemme.

Meget respektfuldt,


Kathy Waters

Medstifter/Executive Director

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Respectfully to lawmakers,

Thank you for your time. My Name is Kathy Waters, and I am the Executive Director and Co-founder of Advocating Against Romance Scammers, a nonprofit based out of the United States of America but serve on a global scale. Last year, we established and officially recognized October 3 as World Romance Scam Prevention Day. In its inaugural year, this initiative garnered support from prominent entities such as Match Group, Electronic Caregivers, AARP, and BBB Market Institute.

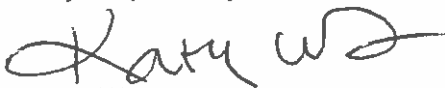
During our commemoration, we conducted a comprehensive one-hour webinar that educated a diverse audience, including representatives from Law Enforcement, Big Tech, and concerned individuals. The session covered essential topics such as consumer safety measures implemented by Match Group, highlighting that romance scams extend beyond financial exploitation to encompass emotional and psychological abuse, as elucidated by a licensed therapist. Additionally, insights and safety recommendations were provided by the FBI, complemented by a poignant testimonial from a victim who fell prey to a significant financial loss in a deceitful Pig Butchering scam, blending elements of romance and investment fraud.

For the second annual World Romance Scam Prevention Day, AARS has strategically chosen to direct its focus toward the most crucial aspect: the victim. AARS, along with several other organizations, are participating in the "MY VOICE" Campaign. This initiative involves the reception of cards from individuals under your representation, granting online romance scammed victims a voice while maintaining anonymity. Given the prevalent negative stereotypes associated with victims of online romance scams, a significant majority refrains from reporting such crimes, thus depriving victims of due justice. These cards, serving as their voice, offer lawmakers a tangible glimpse into the profound impact of these scams on their constituents. By providing the "MY VOICE" cards to you, victims can finally express their experiences and be acknowledged.

This letter includes the voice(s) of your constituents. Please know that online crimes such as romance scams affect millions of people every year. The money lost from your country due to these scams is astronomical, and unfortunately, as mentioned above, the majority of victims do not report.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your time and consideration. We are honored to be a part of any change that may occur on behalf of the voice(s) of your citizens.

Very Respectfully,



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