

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 23, 2015
“Protecting The Elderly Against Fraud”

Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

Today, I chaired a Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade subcommittee hearing examining ways to fight the growing rate of fraud against the elderly.

Identity theft continues to be a real and serious threat facing American families. A threat that is especially harmful for our seniors.

Whether it's catching up with grandchildren on social media or reading up on recent news, seniors are beginning to spend more and more time online. Therefore— they increase the risk of being targeted by those that would take advantage.

Many seniors have accumulated savings over their lifetimes and often own homes with positive equity. This makes them attractive targets for scam artists intent on cheating them out of their wealth.

Unfortunately, seniors often endure this abuse in silence. They are afraid to report it or unsure if they are being victimized.

Older Americans have made significant contributions to our nation. And deserve to be shown respect and gratitude.

It is very important that seniors are protected against identity theft and are given the tools to defend themselves against scams.

In the Energy & Commerce committee, we continue working to identify ways to educate and empower seniors on the importance of safeguarding their personal information.

Consumers of all ages deserve to feel safe online.

As always, I welcome your comments and your questions on this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as the song says God bless you, Texas.