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Lions,

Regardless of your political views or party affiliation, I would like to share the information below from Congressman Andy Harris. Please check out the information and learn ways to protect yourself from being a victim of identity theft, scam and fraud.

#### Lion Susan Bonura Service from the Heart

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From: Representative Andy Harris < <a href="MD01AHima@mail.house.gov">MD01AHima@mail.house.gov</a>>

Date: Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 8:18 PM

Subject: Best Practices to Avoid Identity Theft, Scams, and Fraud

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Dear Friend,

I am contacting you today to share important information about avoiding identity theft, scams, and fraudulent activity as we close out National Consumer Protection Week.

As you may know, Maryland ranks second out of all fifty states in terms of most fraud complaints. Last year alone, approximately \$94 million dollars was lost by Marylanders, and in addition, nearly 30,000 citizens across our state reported having their identity stolen. Unfortunately, these numbers reflect growing trends, as total losses nationwide nearly doubled to \$5.8 billion in 2021.

In response, I encourage you to educate yourself and your loved ones on best practices to recognize, avoid, and report scams to the appropriate authorities – including the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Valuable resources can be found below on the FTC's website:

- Watch Educational Videos
- Subscribe to FTC Consumer Alerts
- Review Valuable Consumer Resources

I hope this information has been informative and encourage you to share it with your friends and family. Preventing fraudulent activity is something we all should work towards and knowing how to recognize it is key.

It is a privilege to serve you in Congress. Should you wish to subscribe to future updates from me, <u>please sign up here</u>. If you wish to un-subscribe, you may do so at any time <u>here</u>.

# Sincerely,



## Andy Harris, M.D. Member of Congress

### Please do not reply to this email, instead share your thoughts with Congressman Harris through his website.

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