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Testimony in Support of SB 407 – Office of the Attorney General – Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit **Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee** **February 12, 2020**

The Maryland Senior Citizens Action Network (MSCAN) is a statewide coalition of advocacy groups, service providers, faith-based and mission-driven organizations that supports policies that meet the housing and care needs of Maryland's low and moderate-income seniors.

Scams, fraud and crimes against older and vulnerable adults are unfortunate realities that are becoming more common in Maryland. Many of our members are familiar with cases whereby older and vulnerable adults are victims that have lost what they were relying on for their future security.

We are fortunate to have advocates in the Office of the Attorney General that work on these crimes however, the demand for assistance outpaces the resources that exist to support justice for this vulnerable population. For this reason, MSCAN strongly supports the passage of SB 407 which establishes a "Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit" in the Office of the Attorney General. The establishment and funding to staff the unit, and investigate and assist prosecution by the unit, will be important to spare significant loss to an already compromised group of people who likely do not have the means to recover damages on their own.

MSCAN respectfully requests your favorable report on SB 407. Maryland's seniors deserve the protection and assistance that SB 407 will bring.