

From the Office of Congressman Matt Cartwright, PA-08



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****ADVISORY: Video Press Conference Today, 12:00PM****

Reps. Cartwright, Fitzpatrick to Discuss Legislation to Protect Seniors Against Coronavirus Scams

Washington, D.C. – Today at 12:00 p.m., U.S. Representative Matt Cartwright (PA-08) will host a video press conference to discuss legislation he will introduce to bolster statewide legal hotlines for older Americans. He will be joined by Republican U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) – who will co-sponsor the bill – as well as the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the executive director of the Pennsylvania SeniorLAW Center.

The COVID-19 outbreak has made the need for accessible legal services for seniors even more urgent. As millions of older Americans on fixed incomes follow social distancing guidance and remain home, they require free and remote legal assistance to deal with issues including financial exploitation, housing, elder abuse, and access to care. The Department of Justice is already warning about a rise of fraud schemes related to the coronavirus pandemic, and older Americans remain vulnerable to these scams.

WHO:

U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright
U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick
Robert Torres, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Aging

Karen Buck, Executive Director, Pennsylvania SeniorLAW Center

WHEN:

Monday, March 30, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Join the video conference at [this link](#), or dial in for audio only at 929-205-6099, PIN 848729193#.

This event is open to members of the media only. For additional information, please contact Matt Slavoski at matthew.slavoski@mail.house.gov or 202-302-7316.

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Congressman Matt Cartwright is a member of House Democratic Leadership and the House Committee on Appropriations. He serves as Vice Chair of the Commerce-Justice-Science Subcommittee and is a member of the Financial Services & General Government and Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittees. He also serves on the Committee on Natural Resources. Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District includes Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties, and portions of Luzerne and Monroe Counties.