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### **U.S. Senate Passes Resolution in Support of Slam the Scam Day**

The United States Senate passed by Unanimous Consent [S.Res.101](#) designating March 9, 2023, National Slam the Scam Day.

U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) introduced the bipartisan resolution to raise awareness of government imposter scams. The resolution was cosponsored by U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging Chairman Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), Ranking Member Senator Mike Braun (R-IN), and committee member Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA).

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Social Security-related scams are the number one government imposter scam in the United States. In 2022, consumers reported losing more than \$104.5 million to Social Security-related scams. Consumer awareness is the most effective method of deterring these crimes.

"The U.S. Senate resolution addresses the urgency for U.S. consumers to Slam the Scam. The Senate's support amplifies the message to every American to stay alert and hang up the phone or ignore the suspicious messages from these criminals so that we curtail this crime," said Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. "Senators Collins, Kelly, and colleagues' leadership on this critical issue will help protect citizens from these predators."

National Slam the Scam Day is led jointly by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and is held annually as part of the Federal Trade Commission's [National Consumer Protection Week](#).

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, SSA OIG partners with other government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector to increase awareness of current scam tactics and tips for spotting scam behavior to prevent scammers from succeeding in their crimes.

Use #SlamTheScam to join the conversation on social media.

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