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NH BUREAU OF SECURITIES REGULATION, SEC AND AARP BRING SENIOR FRAUD SEMINAR TO THE SEACOAST

Concord, NH (April 2, 2008) – The New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation, The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the American Association of Retired Persons New Hampshire (AARP NH) will host a unique educational program to alert and educate senior investors about the perils of fraud and abusive sales practices. This three hour safe investing seminar will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel located at 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH on April 30, 2008 starting at 9:30 AM. This program is free and is open to the public.

In discussing the importance of this event, Mark Connolly, Director of the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation stated that “senior investors are frequently targeted by swindlers and unscrupulous salespeople and as New Hampshire seniors live healthier and longer lives, protecting their nest egg is critical.” Director Connolly also noted that “seniors are perceived as vulnerable by scammers and unscrupulous salespeople and this seminar is designed to provide the first line of defense – education.”

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Director Connolly noted that nationally, statistics indicate seniors represent about 15% of the population, yet they are involved in nearly one-third of the fraud cases reported and over 50% of investor complaints filed. New Hampshire's statistics confirm this trend.

The New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation in conjunction with the SEC and the AARP NH has hosted two very successful investor education seminars in Manchester and Plymouth. These meetings were well received by the attendees who noted they felt better prepared to identify scams and to understand the products being sold to them.

Director Connolly noted that he was pleased that New Hampshire investors will again have the benefit of hearing from key SEC staff, as well as experienced and skilled professionals from the AARP NH and NH Securities Bureau.

Senior investors and their advocates, as well as the investing public are invited to attend. Participants are encouraged to register in advance by calling toll free 1-877-926-8300. Attendees may also register on the day of the seminar.