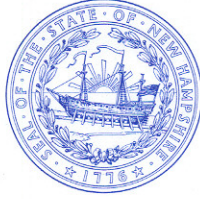


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SEC, New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation and AARP to Present Elder Fraud Seminar

Event to take place at Center of New Hampshire on Monday, Nov. 13

Concord, NH, (October 24, 2006) - In a historic, coordinated effort to educate and alert senior investors in New Hampshire about fraud and abusive sales practices, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation and AARP will jointly host a safe-investing seminar at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester on Monday, November 13 at 9:30 A.M.

Statistics show that senior investors are often targeted by swindlers and unscrupulous salespeople, and as New Hampshire's population lives healthier and longer lives, protecting retirement nest eggs has become a priority. "Our collective vigilance is especially important at this time because scammers often focus on one of our more vulnerable and growing population groups," said Mark Connolly, director of the Bureau.

The seminar will be hosted by Myron Kandel, the founding financial editor of CNN and president of the Initiative for Corporate Responsibility and Investor Protection, a New Hampshire based group dedicated to promoting the issues of corporate governance and

investor protection. The panel will feature experts from the three participating groups who are intimately familiar with the latest fraudulent schemes and abusive tactics.

The public—particularly seniors and senior advocates—is encouraged to attend and the event is free to all attendees. Parking will be provided at no cost in the Center of New Hampshire Parking Garage. The presentation begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at noon with a complimentary lunch to follow.

Please call toll free at 1-877-926-8300 to register in advance. Registration will also be available the day of the event.