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NH Bureau of Securities Regulation, SEC and AARP Bring Senior Fraud Seminar to North Country

CONCORD, NH (April 24, 2007) - The New Hampshire Bureau of Securities Regulation, The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will host a unique educational program to alert and educate senior investors about the perils of fraud and abusive sales practices. This safe investing seminar will be held in Plymouth, NH at The Common Man Inn on May 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Statistics consistently 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 NH Securities Bureau, sponsor of the event. "Our Bureau hosted a seminar in the southern part of the state in November that was attended by over 250 seniors. We had a lot of positive feedback from the attendees and are looking forward to bringing a similar team of national industry experts to the North Country on May 15th."

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Connolly said he was particularly pleased to host David Bergers, the regional director of the SEC, national SEC Enforcement Director Linda Thompson, and experienced and skilled professionals from the AARP to this coordinated effort dedicated to safe investing.

Senior investors and all members of the investing public are invited to attend this free 3 hour seminar which begins at 9:30 a.m. on May 15. Participants may register in advance by calling toll free 1-877-926-8300 or simply sign up on the day of the event.