

May 22nd

THE ELDER JUSTICE COALITION

HELP KEEP ELDER JUSTICE ACT MOVING

Next week the House and Senate are in recess. Many in Congress will be back in their states and districts. It is vital that the Elder Justice Coalition and you, our members, make contact with them on behalf of H.R. 1783 and S. 1070. We need to increase the number of co-sponsors in both the House and Senate.

Below is the current list of co sponsors. If your House Member or Senators are not included we ask that you arrange to e mail, fax, call, or visit to communicate the request that they co-sponsor either H.R. 1783 or S. 1070.

To verify who your representatives in Congress are go to www.house.gov or www.senate.gov

S. 1070 Co-Sponsors (Total – 28)

Sen Bayh, Evan [IN]	Sen Lieberman, Joseph I. [CT]
Sen Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [DE]	Sen Lincoln, Blanche L. [AR]
Sen Bingaman, Jeff [NM]	Sen Murray, Patty [WA]
Sen Bond, Christopher S. [MO]	Sen Nelson, Bill [FL]
Sen Boxer, Barbara [CA]	Sen Obama, Barack [IL]
Sen Brown, Sherrod [OH]	Sen Reed, Jack [RI]
Sen Cantwell, Maria [WA]	Sen Rockefeller, John D., IV [WV]
Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA]	Sen Salazar, Ken [CO]
Sen Clinton, Hillary Rodham [NY]	Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY]
Sen Collins, Susan M. [ME]	Sen Smith, Gordon H. [OR]
Sen Durbin, Richard [IL]	Sen Snowe, Olympia J. [ME]
Sen Enzi, Michael B. [WY]	Sen Specter, Arlen [PA]
Sen Kerry, John F. [MA]	Sen Stabenow, Debbie [MI]
Sen Kohl, Herb [WI]	Sen Wyden, Ron [OR]

H.R. 1783 Co-Sponsors (Total – 113)

Rep Altmire, Jason [PA-4]	Rep Boswell, Leonard L. [IA-3]	Rep Doggett, Lloyd [TX-25]
Rep Arcuri, Michael A. [NY-24]	Rep Boucher, Rick [VA-9]	Rep Donnelly, Joe [IN-2]
Rep Baldwin, Tammy [WI-2]	Rep Boyda, Nancy E. [KS-2]	Rep Ellsworth, Brad [IN-8]
Rep Bean, Melissa L. [IL-8]	Rep Braley, Bruce L. [IA-1]	Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51]
Rep Berkley, Shelley [NV-1]	Rep Chandler, Ben [KY-6]	Rep Frank, Barney [MA-4]
Rep Berman, Howard L. [CA-28]	Rep Clay, Wm. Lacy [MO-1]	Rep Giffords, Gabrielle [AZ-8]
Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9]	Rep Cohen, Steve [TN-9]	Rep Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [NY-20]
Rep Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [GA-2]	Rep Conyers, John, Jr. [MI-14]	Rep Gonzalez, Charles A. [TX-20]
Rep Bishop, Timothy H. [NY-1]	Rep Courtney, Joe [CT-2]	Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6]
Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3]	Rep Crowley, Joseph [NY-7]	Rep Green, Gene [TX-29]
	Rep Cummings, Elijah E. [MD-7]	Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7]
	Rep Davis, Artur [AL-7]	Rep Gutierrez, Luis V. [IL-4]
	Rep Davis, Danny K. [IL-7]	Rep Hall, John J. [NY-19]
	Rep Davis, Susan A. [CA-53]	Rep Hare, Phil [IL-17]
	Rep DeFazio, Peter A. [OR-4]	Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23]
	Rep DeGette, Diana [CO-1]	Rep Hinojosa, Ruben [TX-15]
	Rep Delahunt, William D. [MA-10]	Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15]
	Rep DeLauro, Rosa L. [CT-3]	Rep Israel, Steve [NY-2]

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[Rep Kennedy, Patrick J.](#) [RI-1]
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[Rep Kind, Ron](#) [WI-3]
[Rep King, Peter T.](#) [NY-3]
[Rep Kirk, Mark Steven](#) [IL-10]
[Rep Klein, Ron](#) [FL-22]
[Rep Kucinich, Dennis J.](#) [OH-10]
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[Rep Schakowsky, Janice D.](#) [IL-9]
[Rep Schwartz, Allyson Y.](#) [PA-13]
[Rep Scott, Robert C. "Bobby"](#) [VA-3]
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Your communication can be as follows:

As a member of the non partisan 557 member Elder Justice Coalition, we ask you to co-sponsor H.R. 1783/S. 1070, the bipartisan Elder Justice Act. It is the most important legislation ever developed to fight elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Elder abuse is a national problem, but also a serious one here at home. Nationally, we note an increase of almost 20 percent just in cases reported to adult protective services. Meanwhile, of all the federal funds spent on abuse prevention, less than 2 percent goes to fight elder abuse.

The Elder Justice Act is moving its way in both the House and Senate. We need your support to keep it moving.

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We have identified the following as important Senate targets who we plan to focus our national advocacy efforts on, and ask those who are represented by any of these Senators to join us in an extra push.

Sen. Jeff Bunning (KY)
Sen. Larry Craig (ID)
Sen. Pete Domenici (NM)
Sen. Lindsey Graham (SC)
Sen. Tom Harkin (IA)
Sen. Daniel Inouye (HI)
Sen. Tim Johnson (SD)
Sen. Mary Landrieu (LA)
Sen. Frank Lautenberg (NJ)
Sen. Robert Menedez (NJ)
Sen. Barbara Mikulski (MD)
Sen. George Voinovich (OH)

Sen. John Warner (VA)
Sen. Ben Cardin (MD)
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (MN)
Sen. Claire McCaskill (MO)
Sen. John Tester (MT)
Sen. Bob Casey, Jr. (PA)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)
Sen. Bob Corker (TN)
Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT)
Sen. Jim Webb (VA)

CURRENT STATUS OF THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT

H.R. 1783 - Next Action: Passage by House Judiciary Committee expected in early June.
Action in the House Ways and Means Committee expected later.

S. 1070 - Next Action: Possible consideration as part of Medicare bill to be considered in the Senate in June or continued work to have the Senate Finance Committee pass the bill.

Sen. Hatch and Sen. Lincoln Speeches on Senate Floor

In case you missed it, earlier in the week, both Senators Hatch and Lincoln delivered speeches about the Elder Justice Act on the Senate Floor. To read their speeches, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/r110query.html> and search for the Senators names and then sort by date(5/20/2008). For Senator Hatch, it is listed under the Elder Justice Act and for Senator Lincoln, it is listed as Older Americans Month.

Silver Alert

Last week Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) introduced H.R. 6064, a bill to encourage, enhance and introduce Silver Alert plans throughout the United States. The Elder Justice Coalition is pleased to support this bill.

The Silver Alert bill addresses the challenge of helping to locate missing seniors with dementia. H.R. 6064 is modeled after the successful Amber Alert for missing and abducted children. A press release from Rep. Doggett's office is attached for your review. The bill has attracted 34 co sponsors.

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