

July 19, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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resources for our citizens.

The primary goal of SHIPs is to advise, educate and empower Medicaid, Medigap and long-term care insurance and to help beneficiaries understand an array of options to best meet their needs. SHIP assisters are trained to answer consumer questions and complaints quickly and effectively.

The nation's state insurance regulators recognize the valuable role of SHIPs in serving America's seniors, people with disabilities and their families in need. NAIC urges the Committee to provide SHIPs with the necessary resources to do this work.

Sincerely,



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