

# THE Senior SCOOP

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## WELCOME

Fall officially begins this week! That means that politics are in full swing. We are monitoring several pieces of legislation that concerns seniors - here is just a short list:

- H.R. 19 – Lower Costs, More Cures Act
- H.R. 153 – Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs
- H.R. 1857 – Protecting Access to Safe and Effective Medicines Act
- H.R. 3682 – Improving Transparency to Lower Drug Costs Act
- H.R. 4918 – Rural Telehealth Expansion Act
- H.R. 4890/S. 2576 – Rush Act
- H.R. 341 – Ensuring Telehealth Expansion Act
- S. 149 – Bill to amend Title XI of Social Security Act

We are continuing to monitor H.R. 3 and have done strong lobbying to defeat this bill. We would like to recognize the following House members who have agreed to vote no: Rep. Scott Peters (CA), Rep. Kathleen Rice (NY), and Rep. Kurt Schrader (OR).

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to get your flu and pneumococcal vaccines. The CDC is predicting a rough season for seniors this year.

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## Current Issues and Important Topics

**Telehealth:** This article from Mayo Clinic gives a breakdown of telehealth, and different ways that it can be utilized. One of the major highlights of this article is that telehealth can be used to schedule virtual appointments with one's doctor or nurse practitioner. These virtual appointments are useful because they can be done in the comfort of your home. Additionally, telehealth can be used to track one's vitals and other vital health information (ex: blood sugar level).

[MayoClinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org)

**H.R. 3:** Both the Statnews and the Phrma articles both give troubling information about House Bill 3. This house bill would lead to a lack of innovation in the pharmaceutical industry. As a ramification of this lack of innovation, there would be a projected 56 fewer medicines in the next 10 years.

[Statnews.com](https://www.statnews.com)

**Medicare:** Medicare open enrollment is coming up soon. This Healthline.com article gives a breakdown of what one would need to know to be prepared for Medicare open enrollment. Healthline provides information about the open enrollment window and what one can and cannot do during this time period.

[Healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com)

# SCAM ALERT

## Sweepstake Scams

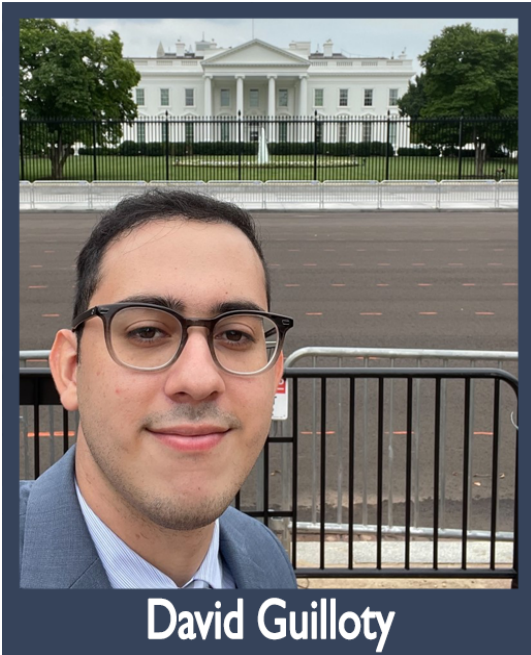
The scam of the month for September is sweepstake and false prizes. Through this FTC article one can learn how to identify these scams, what to do if they fall victim to one, and how to report them.

[click here to read the full report](#)





# Meet Our New Interns!



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