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Advocating Against Romance Scammers

BACK TO D.C. WE GO!

Fighting the Good Fight

Can you believe it has been two years since AARS has been to Washington D.C. to sit down with congressional departments and discuss the need for platform safety? We can't either! We have had calls with offices, but nothing is better than being face to face with those who make the laws for our country. After meeting with Rep. Adam Kinzinger's office and educating the staff of the online romance scams, we learned he too had his photos stolen and used in romance scams. Unfortunately, the two bills created that eventually commenced from our meetings never moved from their designated Committees, meaning the Bills died. BUT THERE'S HOPE...

On March 22, 23, Bryan and Kathy (founders of AARS) will be meeting with congressional office again to educate about romance scams, and the need/requirement for safer platforms.



There are currently four meetings scheduled and hoping to add a few more to the list!

We will also be meeting with one of our partners in the cybercrime advocacy, Alliance to Counter Crime Online (ACCO). We have worked together for nearly 3 years and we are finally getting together in person.

Keep a look out for meeting updates on our social media page and website. A summation will also be provided soon after all meetings have taken place.

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Have you heard of...

PIG BUTCHERING

Have you heard of Pig Butchering? This is one of the latest online scams people are falling victim to. Originating in Asia, this scam is now being seen throughout several countries resulting in outrageous monetary transactions. Such an ugly name, but the reason behind it makes the analogy more horrific. The scammer views their victim as a pig. Scammers feed victims with loving words and promises just like a farmer would feed the pig his dinner. Just when the scammer feels they have "plumped" the victim with enough affirmations,

they will go in for "the kill" by asking the victim to make a large investment primarily via crypto currency. This sum of money is often large enough to "bleed someone dry", taking every dime they have until nothing is left, the "butchering". Moral of the story, never send money to strangers, never invest money with someone you have never met in person. If you want to invest your money, seek assistance through a reputable Financial Advisor in your own area, one you can talk with face to face and shake their hand!



Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world

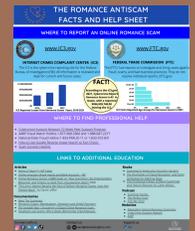
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AARS WEBISTE PROVIDES...

1. Where to report a romance scam
2. Educational Resources
3. Social Media safety tips
4. How to identify a romance scammer
5. Stories from Identity Theft Victims
6. The latest advocating from AARS
7. Photo library of pictures used in scams
8. Option of how you can help the cause

Check us out and download your free 1 page "help sheet" on romance scams!



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBER !



JULIE GOLUB

Board Director/Secretary

Since Julie's first day on the AARS board, she has proven her professionalism, and dedicated ambition to the advocacy. Julie's valuable input and guidance has helped AARS become as successful as they are. With Thirteen years of financial services experience and as an Associate director in consulting, Julie is very in tune of how scammers are able to perform their money moving techniques. In addition, her expertise revolves around the compliance management related to retail banking, both in consumer and Anti-Money Laundering laws! What an asset to AARS!

In Julie's spare time, she enjoys attending concerts, watching NFL football learning new skills and watching Bravo TV!

A big thank you to Julie and all of her hard work she's provided to the advocacy and spreading the awareness of online romance scams!



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