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Over the course of time, my daily life became unbearable... I felt trapped, scared, used and frustrated. But above all, I felt helpless. For years I suffered silently, unable to muster the courage to seek the help I knew I needed.

- MICKEY ROONEY

“If elder abuse happened to me, Mickey Rooney, it can happen to anyone...” With these words, Mickey Rooney took his place among the millions of older Americans who are abused, neglected or exploited in America every year. His courageous and forceful testimony to the Senate Committee on Aging included a plea for Congress to appropriate funds for the Elder Justice Act (EJA), passed in 2010.

The bi-partisan Elder Justice Act would send money to states and local governments, create jobs and protect seniors.

President Obama’s FY 2012 Budget requests \$21.5 million in funding for the EJA, the *first federal funding* specifically designated for elder abuse victims in U.S. history. Elder abuse victims, like Mr. Rooney, have contributed immensely to American society. They helped protect our country. Now they deserve our protection. Help them to get the assistance they need and restore hope to their lives. Please fund the **Elder Justice Act** this year!

Sincerely,

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