



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CODES  
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** New York's criminal and civil fraud statutes, practices, and impacts on consumers, workers, and businesses.

**PURPOSE:** To investigate current fraud patterns and practices in areas — including but not limited to — wage theft, foreclosure and mortgages, virtual currencies and digital assets, consumer goods, and student loans. The hearing will also examine various legislative proposals and solutions aimed at establishing protections for New Yorkers from fraudulent and predatory practices.

**Wednesday  
March 4, 2026  
9:30A.M.  
Hearing Room A  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

New Yorkers pay the price for white-collar crime every day. Schemes to defraud vulnerable and working-class New Yorkers cost the economy hundreds of millions of dollars annually, and while scammers have devised new ways to rip off consumers, workers, businesses, and the public at large, the laws designed to protect members of the public and our financial markets have lagged behind. To maintain New York's status as both the financial capital of the world and a center for opportunity and innovation, State law must equip the justice system to hold bad actors accountable, provide relief for victims, and provide stability and predictability in emerging economies, including virtual currency. In this hearing, the Committees seek testimony from experts and the public on current fraud and exploitation patterns and trends, feedback on pending legislation to strengthen protections against financial crime, white-collar theft, and scams, and new proposals in this space.

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Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes duration. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Codes and Consumer Protection Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Persons wishing to present testimony at this public hearing are requested to complete this reply form by February 25th, 2026 for those seeking to testify in person, and by March 2nd, 2026 for those seeking to submit written testimony. Please return this form by mail, email, or fax to both:

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