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<u>Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan and Department of Disabilities, Aging and</u> <u>Independent Living Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt Announce "Stay Savvy Vermont"</u> <u>Scam Awareness Partnership</u>

WATERBURY, VT – The Vermont Attorney General's Office (AGO) and the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) are proud to announce a new tool for increasing awareness among older Vermonters of potential scams – Stay Savvy Vermont, a web series created with the talents of the Community of Vermont Elders (COVE) Senior Medicare Patrol Savvy Seniors acting troupe, and produced with the generous support of ORCA Media.

Attorney General T.J. Donovan stated that, "We can help protect Vermonters by giving folks the information and tools necessary to protect themselves. Thank you to DAIL for their partnership and their commitment to protecting and supporting older Vermonters".

DAIL Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt notes that "we are seeing an increase in scams specifically targeting older Vermonters. I am very grateful to be able to partner with Attorney General Donovan and his team, and our partners at COVE and ORCA to focus on raising awareness. We can never eliminate the existence of scam artists, but we can share the information people need to know to keep themselves and fellow Vermonters informed and safe".

The Stay Savvy Vermont series is intended to provide viewers with an increased awareness about the tactics that scammers use and information on how to report suspected scam activity, in



an entertaining and engaging way. Notably, the series utilizes the talents of actors and writers who are older Vermonters themselves.

Stay Savvy Vermont's YouTube page is located here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChIcXbcfnEmcL_CCWFDrxBw

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL): Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability with dignity, respect and independence. https://www.facebook.com/DAILVT/

About the Attorney General's Office:

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