

We are excited to announce the launch of **True Fraud Stories**, a video series featuring everyday Americans who have been victims of financial fraud. Their stories are a powerful cautionary tool for other investors – and a reminder that no one is too smart to be taken.

Through this ongoing video series, we hope to help investors who are unknowingly vulnerable to financial fraud by encouraging them to check the registration status of their broker on [SmartCheck.gov](https://www.smartcheck.gov). Please consider linking to this [video](#) on your website, or highlighting it in your newsletter and/or email communications with your members, subscribers, and others to raise their awareness of precious metals scams.

We have included sample materials in this email. Please note that if you choose to use any of these posts or even modify the posts, CFTC SmartCheck must be identified as the source of information (i.e., @CFTCSmartCheck at the end of each tweet or “Prepared by @CFTCSmartCheck” at the end of each Facebook post) so that the public is aware that CFTC prepared these posts and that the agency does not inadvertently violate the publicity and propaganda prohibition under Federal law.

As you know, this topic is too important to ignore. Many cases of fraud could be avoided through a simple visit to [SmartCheck.gov](https://www.smartcheck.gov), [an educational website operated by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Nisha Smalls](#). Below are additional resources to learn more about precious metals fraud. Contact Nisha if you would like copies of the brochure for distribution.

- [The Risks of Buying Gold, Silver & Platinum Brochure](#)
- [Gold is No Safe Investment Article](#)

Thanks,

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