Schaumburg, IL – Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-8) will host a public forum to address the issue of identity theft at **1:00 pm on Thursday, April 20, at the Assisi Homes of Gurnee at 3495 W. Grand Avenue, Gurnee**. In Congress, Bean has helped lead the fight against identity theft, introducing legislation to protect consumers' personal financial data and by negotiating a more stringent consumer notification "trigger" in the Financial Data Protection Act of 2005 (HR 3997).

Bean will outline some steps that seniors can take to protect themselves from identity thieves and con-artists, and discuss the efforts she has been making in Washington to advance legislation that will provide further protection for consumers.

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