

National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA) USA.

September 5, 2018

Dear Ms. Somers:

As President of the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NCPEA), I support Dr. Pamela B. Teaster as the United States Representative for the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA).

Dr. Teaster is the Director of the Center for Gerontology and a Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech. She is the Secretary General of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and is on the Board of Trustees of the Center for Guardianship Certification. She serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*. Dr. Teaster is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, and a recipient of the Isabella Horton Grant Award for Guardianship, the Rosalie Wolf Award for Research on Elder Abuse, the Outstanding Affiliate Member Award (Kentucky Guardianship Association), and the Distinguished Educator Award (Kentucky Association for Gerontology). She has received continuous grant funding for over 20 years from multiple sources. Her areas of scholarship include the abuse of elders and vulnerable adults, public and private guardianship, end-of-life issues, ethical treatment of older adults, public policy and public affairs, and quality of life. She has published over 100 scholarly articles, reports, and book chapters and is editor/author of 5 books.

I believe Dr. Teaster, a nationally recognized expert in elder abuse scholarship, and a current Board member and Past President of NCPEA, would be a knowledgeable and committed US Representative for INPEA.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Morrissey, JD, PhD
President, National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse