# Detecting and Avoiding Scams Impacting Minnesota's Diverse Communities

# WHEN:

Thursday, May 19, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm CT (A light lunch will be provided)

## **WHERE:**

Please join us for a roundtable briefing at:

Open Book, 1011 Washington Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55415







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#### WHY:

Every year, scammers defraud the public of hundreds of millions of dollars by selling fake services and worthless products -- for everything from housing, car sales and health care to debt collection, jobs and education. Meanwhile, impostors threaten people with jail if they fail to pay non-existent fines or fees. Our briefing will bring together FTC officials, legal service providers, law enforcement officials, community representatives and local/ethnic media reporters to talk about the latest scams targeting immigrants, communities of color, young people and older Americans across Minnesota; what people can do if they've been targeted; and how to spot and avoid scams.

## WHO:

- Joannie Wei, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission/Midwest Region
- Jennifer Leach, Director, Consumer and Business Education, FTC/Washington DC
- Katherine Kelly, Special Outreach and Protection Unit, Office of Minnesota Attorney General
- Elizabeth Goodell, Supervising Attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
- Bao Vang, VP Communications, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota
- · Community stakeholders

# **JOIN OVER ZOOM:**

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