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CON ARTIST ALERT TO ALL SENIOR GROUPS

Watch out for Rebate Checks!!

It's always nice to receive a check in the mail. However, if it's a check from Cardholder Services in the amount of \$3.25, consider it junk mail of the worst kind. The check is part of an elaborate scam to get your credit card number. Don't fall for it!

With the whopping \$3.25 is an offer for a free credit report and score. What you might not realize, however, is that by signing the check you are authorizing the company to charge your credit card \$89.00 each year for the Credit Card Protection Agency program.

This scam is not offering you anything you don't already have at your fingertips. Federal law allows individuals to obtain a free copy their credit reports each year. And if you run into a situation where an unauthorized charge appears on your bill, do not pay it. Contact your credit card company and dispute the charges. At most, you will only be liable for the first \$50 of unauthorized charges on your account, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

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