GEORGIA WATCH endeavors to achieve equity and justice for all Georgians. As your trusted and relentless advocate, we work tirelessly to protect and inform consumers so all Georgians prosper and communities thrive.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Medical debt** → Produced "Accessing Affordable Healthcare: A Guide for the Uninsured"
- **Utility rates** → Challenged the Vogtle nuclear plant expansion
- **Predatory lending** → Produced a Small-Dollar Lending policy guide, and opposed the repeal of the CFPB payday rule

OVER 100 PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2,025 PARTICIPANTS

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

19 Educational Materials on:
- Financial Protection
- Energy Efficiency
- Medical Debt

"We were able to get hospital bills written off by two hospitals, and some of the physicians associated with those hospitals honored the debt forgiveness too...Prior to the Georgia Watch workshop we would have never thought of seeking assistance."

Iris Harris, Care Manager at Fayette Senior Services

DIRECT ASSISTANCE

GEORGIA WATCH HOTLINE HELPED AT LEAST 123 CONSUMERS!

Most consumers asked about...
Utilities, 33%

Most healthcare callers wanted answers on...
Surprise billing, 56%

CALLS ROSE Over 2014-2018
232%

"I used advice from the resources you gave me. Thank you for all you do to help me and others like me," said Elicia who reached out to Georgia Watch after receiving a surprise out-of-network medical bill.
We made an impact in 2018!

We wrote 38 public comments and letters.

We published 60 newsletters... ...and were featured as experts in the news 80 times.

Media often called upon us for our expertise on issues that affect Georgians’ quality of life, especially energy and healthcare!

128K Twitter impressions
Over 30k visits to our website

BRINGING YOU BOTH SIDES

Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development:
Current HUD rules are a chaotic array that waste money and often give tenants reason not to seek work so they can break out of poverty. Many rents should be standardized at a higher rate.

Liz Coyle, Executive of Director of Georgia Watch:
Most of HUD’s 4.7 million tenants are old, disabled or caring for young children — they cannot work. The rest are unskilled and poor. Raising rents will make their lives harder without helping them escape poverty.

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CONSUMER CHAMPIONS

Senator Chuck Hufstetler, Kristi E. Swartz, Venus Lockett at The Wren’s Nest

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