



August 15th, 2014

The Honorable Sam Johnson
3rd District, Texas
U.S. House of Representatives
1211 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson,

I am writing today on behalf of the 1.2 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, in strong support of H.R. 5260, the “Stop Disability Fraud Act of 2014.” This significant piece of legislation aims to target and combat fraud in the Social Security Disability Insurance (DI) program by instituting commonsense, bipartisan reforms in order to strengthen the program for beneficiaries and taxpayers.

Recent DI fraud scandals expose various vulnerabilities within the program that ultimately threaten billions of taxpayer dollars as well as the benefits on which many disabled Americans depend. To better protect taxpayers and beneficiaries from fraud, H.R. 5260 takes necessary steps to strengthen the DI program. This bill combats conspiracy fraud by expanding fraud-preventing Cooperative Disability Investigation units, while simultaneously strengthening program protections, increasing transparency within the program, and modernizing the medical and vocational guidelines used to determine a person’s disability status. AMAC finds these core structural reforms essential to moving away from an outdated “pay first” Social Security culture that contributes to waste, fraud, and abuse. Moreover, AMAC feels that this bill will ensure that DI funds are safeguarded for individuals who truly need assistance and will guarantee that taxpayer dollars are not squandered by perpetrators of fraudulent scandals.

Ultimately, Congress has a responsibility to keep its promise to mature Americans, seniors, and disabled Americans to guarantee the solvency of the Social Security program – including DI. However, current projections indicate that DI will only be able to cover 81% of benefits in 2016. AMAC strongly believes that Congress must take immediate action to prevent against further instances of fraud within DI, and it must also work toward broader, comprehensive Social Security reform in order to put the program on a secure financial footing.

As Congress looks to take incremental steps to strengthen Social Security in the coming months and years, AMAC remains deeply committed to advancing commonsense reforms that will guarantee the program’s solvency for current beneficiaries and future generations. Thanks to your esteemed leadership on this important matter, AMAC is more than proud to endorse H.R. 5260, the “Stop Disability Fraud Act of 2014.”

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC