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SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

December 15, 2014

The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder:

As you know, we recently discovered that a small number of known Nazi persecutors had slipped through a loophole in our laws and were receiving Social Security benefits, which was never Congress's intention. The House and Senate have unanimously passed legislation to close the loophole and cut off the benefits, and we expect that the President will sign it into law very shortly.

We are writing to urge you to quickly comply with the requirements of H.R. 5739, the No Social Security for Nazis Act, and notify the Social Security Administration (SSA) of the Nazis described in the legislation. By acting promptly, you will allow the SSA to terminate Social Security benefits quickly, so that those who participated in Nazi persecutions will not receive January Social Security benefits.

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SAM JOHNSON
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Ranking Member