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SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

December 15, 2014

The Honorable Carolyn Colvin  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security  
Social Security Administration  
6401 Security Boulevard  
Woodlawn, MD 21207

Dear Acting Commissioner Colvin:

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 appreciate the technical assistance the Social Security Administration provided to help tightly close this loophole, and are writing to urge you to act quickly once the Department of Justice notifies you of the affected individuals. By acting promptly, you will ensure 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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