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House Committee on Ways and Means, Income & Tax Distribution Working Group

RE: H.R. 926, Social Security Identity Defense Act

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

The provisions of Mr. Petri's bill are long, long overdue, for all of the reasons stated by Mr. Petri on the House floor [159 Cong.Rec. E224, 28 February 2013].

What concerns me as a taxpaying citizen is that the Bill, as delivered to the Committee, is not explicit as to the disclosure duties where the wrongfully-expropriated Social Security Number is that of a deceased infant. As surely you are aware, such a situation has unfortunately become quite common, and exacts a horrific emotional and financial toll upon innocent victims.

Having once been one of them, I can easily envision the folks at the IRS feeling compelled by the dictates and norms of their entrenched organizational culture to balk, question and otherwise delay the expeditious reporting of the identity theft in the manner intended under the subject Bill. Accordingly, it is suggested that some explicit language be considered to clarify the IRS's duty to apprise the parents and/or guardians of a deceased infant where the SSN of said infant has been wrongfully expropriated in an identity theft incident.

Respectfully yours,



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