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House Ways and Means
Washington, D.C.

Dear Committee,

I am writing to you in regards to the Social Security Death records legislation. I am the C.E.O. of a company in California that conducts genealogy research for missing heirs of estates. Our business and ability to locate individuals would be greatly impacted should this measure pass and the access to records be blocked.

Our business is but one example of the thousands of small business that were created from scratch and an idea many years ago. This is what America stands for. In the current climate of unemployment and businesses failing, this is not the time or reason to place additional limitations and restrictions on those that employ people and contribute to the economy in so many ways.

If this measure passed, the lives and livelihood of thousands of individuals are at stake. The SSDI records that we as business individuals currently access and rely on cannot be taken away. I could compile a list of hundreds of average citizens whose lives were changed because our company located them and through information taken from the SSDI determined they were entitled to financial assets from a deceased relative.

Please take in all the evidence submitted and pray on the matter before a decision is made to shut down this valuable resource.

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