

As a professional genealogist, I am very disturbed at the possibility of permanently abolishing access to the Social Security Death Index. Because many states won't release death records for many years following a person's death, the Social Security Death Index is a prime source for genealogists to access this important vital information. I realize that there is some concern over identity theft and the illegal use of Social Security numbers but the death index could be made available without including a social security number. I hope the committee will give professional genealogists a chance to comment on this in person. Thank you for your time.

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