

Re: HR 3475

To whom it may concern:

In October 2010 our nine-year old daughter Courtney passed away after a six month battle with an inoperable brain tumor. This was an extremely difficult experience for our very close-knit family and we are still grieving her loss. To make matters worse, we received a letter from the IRS in October 2011 notifying us that someone else had claimed her as a dependant on their 2010 taxes. This caused a significant amount of emotional pain.

Shortly thereafter, we were made aware that her social security number was easily accessible through the Social Security Death Master File as well as on some genealogy sites. We believe this completely unnecessary and is serving to enable criminals to use this information for their own gain at the expense of grieving families, not to mention the money the government could be losing as a result of falsified tax records. We wholeheartedly support this bill.

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