

Regarding HR 3475, Keeping IDs Safe Act of 2011:

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The title of the hearing on which I wish to submit comments is HR 3475, *Keeping IDs Safe Act of 2011*

My comments are:

Please do not enact this misguided bill. It is another example of heavy-handed legislators throwing out the baby with the bathwater, using the excuse that it is necessary to protect IDs.

There are many reasons to keep the SSDI available for all. I am an amateur genealogist and since I never met my Grandparents and Great-Grandparents I, like many other genealogists, have found the SSDI essential for locating when and where they lived and died.

The Social Security Numbers in the SSDI are not what genealogists need; it is the date and location of a relative's death that is important to us. Perhaps there is a middle road that makes the SSDI available but excludes SSNs from it.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of genealogists in a matter of great importance to us.