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Chairman Johnson Announces Hearing on the Financial Risk of Returning to Work

U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (R-TX), Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee announced today that the Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the Social Security Administration's (SSA) management of earnings reports from disability beneficiaries trying to go back to work. The SSA faces difficulties processing earnings reports and adjusting benefits in a timely fashion, in part due to the complexity of the work incentives in the Disability Insurance program. These difficulties can cause large overpayments for disability beneficiaries trying to return to work. **The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 in B-318 Rayburn House Building, beginning at 2:00 p.m.**

Upon the announcement, Chairman Johnson made the following comment:

“There are two problems for the American taxpayer when Social Security can't manage earnings reports: first, dollars go out that shouldn't; second, individuals who want to work are discouraged from doing so. It's time Congress takes a look at what drives overpayments. The American people want, need, and deserve nothing less.”

A list of witnesses will follow. Oral testimony at this hearing will be from invited witnesses only. However, any individual or organization may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and for inclusion in the printed record of the hearing.

DETAILS FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Please Note: Any person(s) and/or organization(s) wishing to submit for the hearing record must follow the appropriate link on the hearing page of the Committee website and complete the informational forms. From the Committee homepage, <http://waysandmeans.house.gov>, select “Hearings.” Select the hearing for which you would like to submit, and click on the link entitled, “Click here to provide a submission for the record.” Once you have followed the online instructions, submit all requested information. ATTACH your submission as a Word document, in compliance with the formatting requirements listed below, **by the close of business on Tuesday, June 30, 2015**. For questions, or if you encounter technical problems, please call (202) 225-3625 or (202) 225-2610.

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1. All submissions and supplementary materials must be submitted in a single document via email, provided in Word format and must not exceed a total of 10 pages. Witnesses and submitters are advised that the Committee relies on electronic submissions for printing the official hearing record.
2. All submissions must include a list of all clients, persons and/or organizations on whose behalf the witness appears. The name, company, address, telephone, and fax numbers of each witness must be included in the body of the email. Please exclude any personal identifiable information in the attached submission.
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