



June 30, 2016

The Honorable Sam Johnson  
Chairman, Social Security Subcommittee  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
2304 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jim Renacci  
16<sup>th</sup> District, Ohio  
328 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Johnson and Congressman Renacci,

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing in strong support of the H.R. 5320, the *Social Security Must Avert Identity Loss Act of 2016*, or the *Social Security MAIL Act of 2016*. This important piece of legislation seeks to protect Social Security beneficiaries from runaway identity theft that has become all-too-common for senior citizens. As identity theft becomes more and more rampant across the country, this timely bill offers a smart, sensible solution to a problem millions of seniors face annually.

Last year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) sent 352 million notices by mail—including 233 million notices containing an individual's full Social Security number. With such massive amounts of mail being delivered with unnecessary and identity-compromising information, there are several opportunities for criminals to steal an individual's identity. In fact, in 2014, it is estimated that roughly 7% of the population over the age of 16 were victims of identity theft. As the world gets smaller, and as more criminals see opportunities to steal identities in any way they can, H.R. 5320 offers a commonsense solution to Social Security beneficiaries who are unknowingly being put at risk by the unnecessary use of their Social Security number.

The *Social Security MAIL Act of 2016* is as simple as it is smart. The bill mandates that the SSA ensure no piece of mail being sent to an individual includes that individual's complete Social Security account number—unless it is absolutely necessary. As rates of identity theft continue to go up, Congress must take action to prevent making identity theft easier for opportunistic criminals. A bill like H.R. 5320 is long overdue, and we encourage House leadership to act on behalf of Social Security beneficiaries and take swift action to enact this bill.

As an organization committed to representing the interests of mature Americans and seniors, AMAC is dedicated to ensuring senior citizens' interests are protected. We applaud Chairman Johnson, Congressman Renacci, and your attentive staffs for your thoughtful and practical solution to protect seniors from identity theft. AMAC is pleased to offer our organization's full support to the *Social Security MAIL Act of 2016*.

Sincerely,

Dan Weber  
President and Founder of AMAC