

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

June 6, 2016

The Honorable Jacob J. Lew  
Secretary  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Lew,

To date, we have not received your response to our May 3, 2016, letter asking for an update on the reports from the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, Federal Disability Insurance, Federal Hospital Insurance, and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds which were due on April 1, as required by 42 U.S.C. Sec. 401 and 1395t. We remain deeply disappointed by this Administration's continued and blatant disregard for current law.

Congress does not establish statutory deadlines lightly and intended that these reports would provide consistent, annual updates on the programs' statuses. Throughout this Administration the Trustees Reports have never been submitted on time and have ranged from 41 days late in 2009 to 118 days late in 2014. Missing a statutory deadline without explanation is simply unacceptable. There is no reason why the committees of jurisdiction are not notified when the Administration chooses to miss the statutory deadline.

Congress and the American people rightfully expect the timely release of these reports. We expect to receive a response to our May 3, 2016, letter no later than Friday, June 10, 2016. Please contact Amy Shuart, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Social Security, at (202) 225-9263 or Emily Murry, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Health, at (202) 225-3943, if you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,



Sam Johnson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Social Security



Pat Tiberi  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health