



National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives

January 19, 2018

The Honorable Sam Johnson, Chairman
The Honorable John B. Larson, Ranking Member
United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Social Security Committee on Ways
and Means
2018 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Larson,

The National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR) is pleased to support H.R. 4547, the Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2017. We appreciate the bipartisan manner in which you have developed this legislation and were pleased to participate in the process.

Social Security beneficiaries, and the Social Security Administration (SSA), place a great deal of trust in representative payees. Representative payees play an important role in assisting SSA in providing the right benefits, to the right people, at the right time. Simplifying the duties of representative payees while simultaneously increasing oversight of payees, and allowing beneficiaries to make advance designations of who they would like to have serve as their payees in the event they become incapacitated, should increase agency efficiency and better support the people who rely on Social Security benefits.

We look forward to working with you towards passage of H.R. 4547, and on securing adequate administrative funding for the workloads the bill creates as well as the other critical tasks SSA undertakes on behalf of millions of Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Silverstone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Silverstone
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