



SOCIAL SECURITY
The Commissioner

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The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Section 414 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) requires that we report to you annually on the number of Social Security numbers (SSN) we assigned to noncitizens who have not submitted evidence of employment authorization to us and under which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reports earnings to us. Because we maintain earnings records on a calendar year basis, rather than a fiscal year basis, we based our report on 2011 earnings processed in calendar year 2012.

In 2012, we credited earnings under 416,271 nonwork SSNs. This number represents a decrease of 35,093 from 2011. Because we do not routinely learn of changes in noncitizens' work authorization status after we assign SSNs, the fact that IRS reports earnings to us for a nonwork SSN does not necessarily mean that the number holder performed unauthorized work.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Scott Frey, our Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

I am also sending this information to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Carolyn W. Colvin