



SOCIAL SECURITY

April 16, 2018

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In 2017, we credited earnings under 343,293 nonwork SSNs, which is 10,925 less than the number in 2016. Because we are not notified when a noncitizen's work authorization status changes after we assign the SSN, 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 Royce Min, our Acting Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

I have sent a similar letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Sincerely,

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