



SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

March 14, 2014

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In 2013, we credited earnings under 396,076 nonwork SSNs. This number represents a decrease of 20,195 from 2012. 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 Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

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

Sincerely,

Carolyn W. Colvin
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