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Statement of Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, Commending the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Request

By requesting \$11.6 billion for Social Security's administrative expenses, a ten percent increase over the previous year, the President has demonstrated his commitment to help us reduce longstanding backlogs as well as handle the recession-related work that is flooding the agency. With this support, we can continue to drive down the hearings backlog, process increasing numbers of retirement and disability claims, modernize our information technology, and improve service in our field offices and teleservice centers.

It is critically important that Congress enact President Obama's budget proposal in a timely manner so that we can make the changes that will provide the American public with better and more timely service.

For more information about the President's 2010 budget request for Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/budget.

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