



# SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

March 3, 2021

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Committee Chair Nadler:

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 (SSNs) we have assigned over time to noncitizens who have not submitted evidence of employment authorization to SSA 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 2019 earnings processed in calendar year 2020.

In 2020, we credited earnings under 304,352 nonwork SSNs, which is 1,508 more than the number in 2019. This slight increase occurred because of recent changes we made to our selection criteria to ensure consistency with other data exchanges. 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.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Your staff may contact Eric Skidmore, our Deputy Commissioner for the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

I have sent a similar letter to the Chair of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Andrew Saul  
Commissioner

cc:  
Ranking Member, Representative James D. Jordan



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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
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