



# SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

February 8, 2022

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Committee Chair Durbin:

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In 2021, we credited earnings under 284,563 nonwork SSNs, which is 19,789 less than the number in 2020. 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 Tom Klouda, Deputy Commissioner for our Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

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

Sincerely,

Kilolo Kijakazi  
Acting Commissioner

cc:  
Ranking Member, Senator Charles E. Grassley



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The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler  
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