

July 16, 2024

The Honorable James D. Jordan Chair, Committee on the Judiciary U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Committee Chair Jordan:

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In 2023, we credited earnings under 251,861 nonwork SSNs, which is 12,885 less than the number in 2022. 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, our Deputy Commissioner for 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,

Commissioner

CC:

The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler, Ranking Member



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