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To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Social Security Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2017

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Mr. RENACCI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Must
5 Avert Identity Loss (MAIL) Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUM-**
2 **BERS IN DOCUMENTS SENT BY MAIL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 205(c)(2)(C) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(c)(2)(C)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(xiv)(I) The Commissioner of Social Security shall
7 ensure that no document sent by mail by the Social Secu-
8 rity Administration includes a complete social security ac-
9 count number unless the Commissioner determines that
10 inclusion of such complete number is necessary.

11 “(II) Not later than 30 days after the date of the
12 enactment of this clause and not later than each of March
13 31 and September 30 of each of the first 6 years following
14 the year in which such date of enactment occurs, the Com-
15 missioner of Social Security shall submit to the Committee
16 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and
17 the Committee on Finance of the Senate a report on the
18 implementation of subclause (I). Such report shall in-
19 clude—

20 “(aa) the title and identification number of
21 each document used by the Social Security Adminis-
22 tration during the previous year on which is printed
23 an individual’s complete social security account num-
24 ber;

25 “(bb) the most recent date on which each such
26 document was updated; and

1 “(cc) the projected date on which complete so-
2 cial security account numbers will be removed from
3 each such document, or if the Commissioner deter-
4 mines that inclusion of such complete number is nec-
5 essary, the rationale for such determination.”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Commissioner of Social
7 Security shall implement the amendments made under
8 subsection (a) as soon as practicable after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act.

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