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# S. 218

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## 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 Fraud  
5 Prevention Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SSNS ON DOCUMENTS SENT BY**  
7 **MAIL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department or agency of the  
9 Federal Government may include the social security ac-  
10 count number of any individual on any document sent by

1 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-  
2 mines that the inclusion of such social security number  
3 on such document is necessary.

4 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each depart-  
6 ment and agency of the Federal Government shall issue  
7 regulations specifying the circumstances under which in-  
8 clusion of a social security account number on a document  
9 sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall include—

10 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of so-  
11 cial security account numbers whenever feasible; and

12 (2) a requirement that social security account  
13 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package  
14 sent by mail.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-  
16 spect to documents sent by mail on or after the date that  
17 is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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