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115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 218****[Report No. 115-62]**

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

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

MAY 15, 2017

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with amendments

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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”.

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

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department or agency of the
4 Federal Government may include the social security ac-
5 count number of any individual on any document sent by
6 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-
7 mines that the inclusion of such social security number
8 on such document is necessary.

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

15 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of so-
16 cial security account numbers whenever feasible; ~~and~~

17 (2) a requirement that social security account
18 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package
19 sent by mail; *and*

20 (3) *additional methods to mitigate the risk of the*
21 *improper use of social security account numbers when*
22 *the use of such numbers is necessary.*

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

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