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Dear Chairman Smith,

In light of last Friday's Supreme Court ruling that DOGE should be granted access to Americans' private and confidential Social Security information, I urge you to immediately convene a markup on H.R. 1877 – the Protecting Americans' Social Security Data Act.

On Friday, the Supreme Court issued an unsigned order overturning a district court's order that barred DOGE personnel from accessing the Social Security Administration's systems until a lawsuit challenging their access makes its way through the courts. This decision should alarm everyone. There is no reason why unqualified outside individuals need immediate and urgent access to non-anonymized SSA data, which includes Social Security numbers, income history, and personal medical records. The American people deserve to have their private information kept confidential.

The Protecting Americans' Social Security Data Act would stop DOGE, political appointees, and 'special government employees' like Elon Musk from accessing sensitive data systems at SSA. It would also codify SSA data privacy requirements into law, ensuring that only Congress can change them, and strengthen oversight and civil penalties for any privacy and disclosure violations of Social Security beneficiaries' personal information.

The Committee must immediately take action to protect Americans' private and confidential information. Failure to act to protect this information would be a dereliction of our oversight responsibility and an endorsement of the Trump Administration's illegal, irresponsible, and reckless disregard for Americans' privacy and liberty.

Sincerely,

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Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Social Security

CC: Ron Estes, Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Chair