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Frank J. Bisignano
Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Bisignano,

On February 11, 2026 you met with Chairman Smith, Subcommittee Chair Estes, and the two of us regarding the “corrections to the record” filed in January by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in litigation over access to Social Security Administration (SSA) data by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

In the meeting, the two of us asked repeatedly about access by DOGE members to the public’s Social Security data, and SSA’s apparent lack of oversight. Your responses seemingly minimized our grave concerns. Notably, as outlined in our letter of February 14, 2026: you emphasized that DOGE members at SSA did not share Social Security personally identifiable information (PII) externally, including with the political advocacy group, and that it is routine for SSA to share PII data in batches with agencies through memorandums of understanding; you indicated that you were unaware of any data risks associated with the files shared in March on the unauthorized third-party server, Cloudflare; and you stated that the concerns raised by SSA’s former Chief Data Officer in his August whistleblower complaint about the risks of “replicating live SSA data on millions of Americans to an environment apparently lacking in independent security controls, including independent tracking of who is accessing the data and how they are using it,” were incorrect.

Yet contrary to your assertions, a new whistleblower has come forward alleging that a former DOGE member, reportedly by his own account, copied files containing Social Security PII on all Americans, living or dead, onto his own personal device(s) and tried to use these files as a private citizen. Coming after the August whistleblower report by SSA’s former Chief Data Officer and the January DOJ corrections, this bombshell new report fuels our alarm that under your watch a dangerous lack of oversight may have led to a major security breach of Americans’ most private Social Security data.

Given the extreme risks to Americans' confidential data, it is imperative that Congress has a full understanding of DOGE actions at SSA. We ask that you immediately respond to the following:

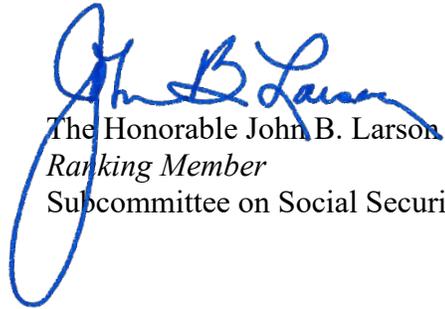
1. When did you, as Commissioner, first become aware of reports that a former DOGE member allegedly copied files containing Social Security PII onto one or more of his personal devices, and later attempted to use these files in the course of his new private sector employment?
2. Can SSA confirm that no current or former DOGE members currently possess SSA PII in an unlawful or unauthorized manner? If you are unable to confirm, why? What steps is SSA taking to confirm this, and when is your anticipated completion date?
3. Considering the latest alarming whistleblower allegations, is SSA conducting a new, more comprehensive investigation into the files shared by DOGE members on Cloudflare from March 7 to March 17, 2025, and DOGE access to live NUMIDENT data in an Amazon Web Service production environment controlled by DOGE beginning in June, 2025? If so, who is leading the investigation, what is your investigation plan, and when is your anticipated completion date?
4. In light of these developments, are you also planning to complete a new, more comprehensive investigation to determine whether DOGE members transmitted SSA PII to a non-governmental organization under a Voter Data Agreement? What steps is SSA taking to complete this, and when is your anticipated completion date?
5. Given that some DOGE members took permanent positions at SSA, what are you doing to ensure that your investigations of DOGE actions at SSA are independent and without bias? Here and in our other questions, "DOGE members" refers to Akash Bobba, Edward Coristine, Scott Coulter, Marko Elez, Antoino Gracias, Gautier "Cole" Killian, Aram Moghaddassi, Payton Rehling, Michael Russo, John Solly, or any other individuals working on behalf of Elon Musk or DOGE.
6. You have repeatedly denied that actions by the Trump Administration or DOGE have put PII at risk, or led to data breaches at SSA, despite increasingly alarming disclosures and whistleblower complaints, including during your time in leadership. What assurance can you provide the public that its confidential Social Security data will be secure under your leadership going forward?

Given the seriousness of these matters and the sensitivity of SSA data, we request a response by March 26, 2026. We appreciate your prompt attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Ranking Member

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The Honorable John B. Larson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Social Security