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The Honorable John Larson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Social Security
Ways & Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Reed
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Social Security
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Dear Chairman Larson and Ranking Member Reed,

On behalf of our nearly 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, AARP is pleased to endorse the *Improving Social Security's Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act*. Your legislation would streamline the assistance provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to individuals who have their Social Security number stolen.

A person's Social Security number is vital to the identity and financial well-being of each individual. The range of fraud that can be committed when a Social Security number has been compromised is truly staggering, and the time and effort required to reassert one's financial identity can be daunting. Streamlining and simplifying the assistance that the SSA offers to victims of identity theft will be welcomed by those who are caught in an often overwhelming situation.

AARP is strongly committed to protecting consumers from fraud and identity theft and supports your efforts to improve the assistance offered to individuals whose Social Security number has been compromised. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact Tom Nicholls on our Government Affairs staff at nicholls@aarp.org or (202) 434-3765.

Sincerely,

Bill Sweeney
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