



# SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

November 24, 2023

The Honorable Richard J. Durbin  
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Committee Chair Durbin:

Section 414 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) requires that we report to you annually on the number of Social Security numbers (SSNs) we have assigned over time to noncitizens who have not submitted evidence of employment authorization to SSA and under which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reports earnings to us. Because we maintain earnings records on a calendar year basis, rather than a fiscal year basis, we based our report on 2021 earnings processed in calendar year 2022.

In 2022, we credited earnings under 264,746 nonwork SSNs, which is 19,817 less than the number in 2021. Because we are not notified when a noncitizen's work authorization status changes after we assign the SSN, the fact that IRS reports earnings to us for a nonwork SSN does not necessarily mean that the number holder performed unauthorized work.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Your staff may contact Tom Klouda, our Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030.

I have sent a similar letter to the Chair of the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Sincerely,

Kilolo Kijakazi, Ph.D., M.S.W.  
Acting Commissioner

cc:  
The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Ranking Member