



SOCIAL SECURITY

Frank J. Bisignano, Commissioner

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ranking Member Wyden:

Thank you for your April 30, 2025 letter to former Acting Commissioner Dudek regarding the Death Master File. The Death Master File is an important tool for administering Social Security programs and preventing fraud.

I believe it is essential that the Social Security Administration (SSA) exercises the highest level of internal controls. This includes having all appropriate policies and procedures in place to maintain the integrity and accuracy of agency records. For the individuals referenced in your letter, SSA has updated its Numident file to indicate that the individuals are not deceased, and as such, are no longer included in the Death Master File.

I am sending a similar response to the cosigners of your letter.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Bisignano