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The Honorable Frank Bisignano
Commissioner
Social Security Administration
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Dear Commissioner Bisignano:

We write to request additional details about the new information disclosed in the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Notice of Corrections to the Record, filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland on January 16, 2026, regarding the then-DOGE Team's access to and use of SSA data.

As Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, which has sole Senate jurisdiction over the Social Security program, we take very seriously the SSA's stewardship of any personally identifiable information (PII) in its purview. The latest disclosures raise numerous questions about the scope of the then-DOGE Team's activities, primarily during the first few months of 2025.

As a first step, we request that the agency provide our staff with a comprehensive briefing as soon as possible on the content of the disclosure filed on January 16 and the process that identified this new information months into SSA's review of the then-DOGE Team's activities. In addition to briefing our staff, we request written responses to the following questions by February 10, 2026:

1. The disclosure suggests that the SSA's policies for granting access to PII were not consistently followed during the time covered by the latest court filing. Based on this information, what steps has the agency taken, or does the agency plan to take, to ensure strict compliance with its policies regarding collecting, handling, and accessing PII going forward?
2. According to the latest disclosure, a member of the then-SSA DOGE Team was able to independently execute a data sharing agreement with an outside

organization, seemingly without the knowledge of other agency employees or agency leadership. Following this discovery:

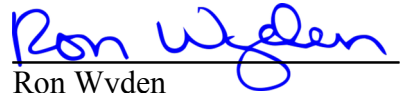
- a. What steps has SSA taken, or does SSA plan to take, to determine what, if any, data was improperly accessed or shared with the outside organization?
 - b. What is SSA's current understanding of what, if any, data was shared with an outside organization?
 - c. What steps has SSA taken, or does SSA plan to take, to prevent a similar situation arising in the future?
3. Since early 2025, SSA has engaged in multiple information collection efforts in response to requests from Congress and the courts, yet new information appears to have just come to light in late 2025. What steps is the SSA taking to ensure the agency will be able to identify all information needed to fully address Congressional inquiries going forward?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your prompt response to our questions. Should the agency uncover further information regarding the then-DOGE Team's access to and use of any PII held by SSA, we expect this information to be shared with this Committee in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



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