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To protect Social Security benefits and ensure the continued effective
operation of the Social Security Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STANSBURY (for herself, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and
Ms. JOHNSON of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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effective operation of the Social Security Administration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hands Off Our Social
5 Security Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to ensure the continued
8 effective operation of the Social Security Administration
9 and to protect Social Security services for all Americans
10 by prohibiting tampering with benefits, unauthorized data

1 mining, privatization efforts, workforce reductions, office
2 closures, and communication changes that hinder access
3 to Social Security benefits.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON TAMPERING WITH SOCIAL SECU-**
5 **RITY BENEFITS.**

6 (a) No Federal officer, special government employee,
7 or contractor shall alter, withhold, or delay Social Security
8 benefits in any manner that is not authorized by law.

9 (b) Any action to modify Social Security benefits
10 shall require an Act of Congress.

11 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON UNAUTHORIZED DATA MINING**
12 **AND PRIVACY VIOLATIONS.**

13 (a) No Federal officer, special government employee,
14 or contractor shall collect, share, or use Social Security
15 data or personally identifiable information of beneficiaries
16 or applicants for any purpose other than administering
17 Social Security programs consistent with existing privacy
18 laws.

19 (b) Any data mining or use of Social Security or per-
20 sonal data for commercial, political, or unauthorized pur-
21 poses is prohibited.

22 (c) Violations of this section shall be subject to inves-
23 tigation and penalties under applicable Federal privacy
24 and data protection laws.

1 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON PRIVATIZATION OF SOCIAL SECU-**
2 **RITY BENEFITS AND SERVICES.**

3 (a) No action shall be taken to privatize, outsource,
4 or otherwise transfer Social Security benefits administra-
5 tion or services to private entities without express approval
6 by an Act of Congress.

7 (b) The Social Security Administration shall remain
8 a Federal agency responsible for the administration and
9 delivery of Social Security benefits.

10 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITION ON UNAUTHORIZED WORKFORCE RE-**
11 **DUCTIONS AT THE SSA.**

12 (a) No officer or special government employee of the
13 Federal Government shall implement or authorize any re-
14 duction in the workforce of the Social Security Adminis-
15 tration without approval from an Act of Congress.

16 (b) Any reduction in SSA staffing levels shall require
17 a detailed report to Congress, including the anticipated
18 impact on service delivery and plans to maintain adequate
19 service levels.

20 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF SSA OFFICES WITH-**
21 **OUT CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT.**

22 (a) The closure or consolidation of any Social Secu-
23 rity Administration office or field office shall be prohibited
24 unless expressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

1 (b) The SSA shall maintain a minimum number of
2 fully operational field offices in each state proportional to
3 the population served.

4 **SEC. 8. MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICA-**
5 **TION SYSTEMS.**

6 (a) The Social Security Administration shall maintain
7 its existing telephone and in-person communication serv-
8 ices and ensure its effectiveness as essential channels for
9 beneficiary assistance.

10 (b) Any changes to communication methods, includ-
11 ing use of social media platforms such as Twitter, shall
12 be supplementary and not replace existing official commu-
13 nication channels.

14 (c) No communication services essential to SSA bene-
15 ficiaries shall be terminated or diminished without prior
16 approval by an Act of Congress.

17 **SEC. 9. ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT.**

18 (a) The Government Accountability Office (GAO)
19 shall conduct annual audits of SSA workforce levels, office
20 operations, and communication services to ensure compli-
21 ance with this Act.

22 (b) The Comptroller General shall report findings to
23 Congress, including any noncompliance and recommenda-
24 tions for corrective action.

1 **SEC. 10. SEVERABILITY.**

2 If any provision of this Act, or the application there-
3 of, to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the re-
4 mainder of the Act, and the application of such provisions
5 to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected
6 thereby.

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