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To require the Commissioner of Social Security to take actions to provide certain individuals who suffered an undue hardship access to benefits under titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to which such individuals should have been entitled.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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 “Repairing Social Secu-
5 rity After Trump and DOGE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO BENEFITS IN CASE OF UNDUE HARD-**
2 **SHIP.**

3 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—In any case in which it is deter-
4 mined to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Social
5 Security that an individual failed as of any date to apply
6 for monthly insurance benefits under title II or XVI of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq., 1381 et
8 seq.) due to an undue hardship, such individual shall be
9 deemed to have applied for such benefits on the later of—

10 (1) the date on which such individual suffered
11 the undue hardship; or

12 (2) the date on which such individual met all
13 requirements for entitlement to such benefits (other
14 than application therefor).

15 (b) REVIEW; APPLICATIONS.—Beginning not later
16 than 180 days after January 20, 2029, the Commissioner
17 shall—

18 (1) take such actions as the Commissioner
19 deems appropriate to identify individuals who failed
20 as of any date to apply for a monthly insurance ben-
21 efit as described in subsection (a); and

22 (2) establish a program through which individ-
23 uals may notify the Commissioner that they failed as
24 of any date to apply for such a benefit due to an
25 undue hardship.

1 (c) UNDUE HARDSHIP DEFINED.—In this section,
2 the term “undue hardship” means, if occurring during the
3 period beginning on January 20, 2025, and ending on
4 January 19, 2029, an issue with obtaining a benefit under
5 title II or XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401
6 et seq., 1381 et seq.) due to—

7 (1) changes in the operations of the Social Se-
8 curity Administration, including those resulting from
9 actions taken by the United States DOGE Service
10 (commonly referred to as the Department of Govern-
11 ment Efficiency or “DOGE”), Special Government
12 Employee Elon Musk, Trump Administration offi-
13 cials, or Social Security Administration employees or
14 contractors;

15 (2) staffing issues, including shortages or
16 changes that result in long telephone wait times, un-
17 answered or disconnected calls, or an inability to
18 schedule appointments;

19 (3) technical issues, such as issues with logging
20 into Social Security websites (including through
21 third-party systems such as Login.gov and ID.me)
22 or website outages;

23 (4) operational issues, including changes that
24 require internet access or transportation to appoint-
25 ments;

1 (5) being falsely declared dead, including being
2 placed on the Social Security Death Master File and
3 other records described in section 205(r) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r));

5 (6) confusion about Social Security rules due to
6 misinformation, conflicting information, or lack of
7 information; and

8 (7) other issues interfering with the ability of
9 an individual to apply for or receive benefits, as de-
10 termined appropriate by the Commissioner.

11 (d) WAIVER OF DISABILITY INSURANCE WAITING
12 PERIOD.—In determining the month in which an indi-
13 vidual became entitled to a benefit under section 223 of
14 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423), in the case of
15 an individual who failed to apply due to an undue hardship
16 as described in subsection (a), the matter following para-
17 graph (E) of such section shall be applied by substituting
18 “for each month beginning with the first month during
19 all of which the individual is under a disability and in
20 which the individual becomes so entitled to such insurance
21 benefits and ending” for “(i) for each month beginning
22 with the first month after his waiting period (as defined
23 in subsection (c)(2)) in which he becomes so entitled to
24 such insurance benefits, (ii) in the case of an individual
25 who has been medically determined to have amyotrophic

1 lateral sclerosis, for each month beginning with the first
2 month during all of which the individual is under a dis-
3 ability and in which the individual becomes entitled to
4 such insurance benefits, or (iii) for each month beginning
5 with the first month during all of which he is under a
6 disability and in which he becomes so entitled to such in-
7 surance benefits, but only if he was entitled to disability
8 insurance benefits which terminated, or had a period of
9 disability (as defined in section 216(i)) which ceased, with-
10 in the 60-month period preceding the first month in which
11 he is under such disability, and ending”. The preceding
12 sentence shall only apply in relation to a period of dis-
13 ability (as defined in section 216(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 416(i))) of the individual that begins during the period
15 beginning on January 20, 2025, and ending on January
16 20, 2029.

17 (e) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS PAID.—Notwith-
18 standing any other provision of law, any amount paid
19 under titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 401 et seq., 1381 et seq.) due to the application
21 of this Act shall not be taken into account in determining
22 the need or eligibility of any person for benefits or assist-
23 ance, or the amount of such benefits or assistance, under
24 any Federal, State, or local program financed in whole or
25 in part with Federal funds.

1 **SEC. 3. GAO REPORT ON DOGE AND TRUMP ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION ACTIONS.**

3 Not later than 180 days of the enactment of this Act
4 or July 30, 2029, whichever is later, the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral of the United States shall submit to the Committee
6 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Finance of the Senate report detail-
8 ing—

9 (1) the actions and changes implemented by the
10 Social Security Administration between January 20,
11 2025, and January 20, 2029;

12 (2) the effect, including on beneficiaries and on
13 customer service, of such actions and changes; and

14 (3) recommendations to repair the damage done
15 as a result of such actions and changes.

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