

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-3817

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The Honorable Leland Dudek  
Acting Commissioner  
Social Security Administration  
250 E Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20254

Dear Acting Commissioner Dudek,

I write to you today with great concerns over the recent downsizing of the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the potential effects that these reductions will have for my constituents in Western Pennsylvania. I represent over 180,000 constituents who receive earned benefits from Social Security—that includes retirees, children, spouses, widows, and disabled workers who together receive over \$350 million a month in Social Security. Proposed closures and staff cuts at the regional field offices could make things worse for them and this country's promise to deliver on earned Social Security benefits.

Current staffing of the SSA is already at near 50-year lows. Now, your agency reports suggest that, since President Trump took office, the SSA has eliminated approximately 7,000 jobs with the potential for even more cuts in the future. In addition to these cuts, the SSA is expected to be closing six of its ten regional offices. The main functions of a regional office include providing technical direction to administer the state and local coverage within the local region of the office and properly interpreting and working with a state on policies and procedures. Closing these regional offices reduces the work they do and support they provide to states and their regions in carrying out the duties of the Social Security Administration.

The cuts I have outlined above will have very real impacts on my constituents' ability to receive their earned benefits. With so much uncertainty, several questions remain unanswered, and I ask that you provide me with the following information for my constituents who are scared of the consequences of these actions:

- What effect will these reductions have on the accurate and prompt distribution of Social Security benefits to my constituents?
- What is your plan to make sure that there is no delay or temporary disruption of benefits?

- With the proposed reduction from 10 to 4 regional offices, which offices will remain open?
- What will be the closest regional office to my district in Western Pennsylvania?

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher R. Deluzio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Deluzio  
Member of Congress