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The Honorable Sam Johnson, Chairman
The Honorable John B. Larson, Ranking Member
United States House of Representatives
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Committee on Ways and Means
2018 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member Larson:

On behalf of the National Council of Social Security Management Associations (NCSSMA) and our members throughout the nation, I would like to thank you for your introduction of H.R. 4547, the *Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2017*. We very much appreciate your leadership on this important legislation and the hard work and dedication of the Subcommittee staff in engaging NCSSMA and other stakeholders to ensure such a commonsense measure that will not only benefit and protect the American public, but also ease the administrative burden on the hardworking employees of the Social Security Administration (SSA).

We firmly believe this legislation will better protect those individuals who most need our assistance while relieving the administrative burden both for families and SSA, ensuring that resources are focused on programs, policies and workloads that make sense.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing discussions we have had with the Subcommittee regarding the Representative Payee program and are encouraged that H.R. 4547 addresses so many of the issues and concerns we have raised. We enthusiastically support this legislation and look forward to working with you to advance it through the legislative process.

Thank you for your willingness to work with NCSSMA and the opportunity for our organization to provide feedback not only related to the Representative Payee program, but also on so many other important issues related to SSA and the programs we administer.

Thank you again for your leadership. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if we can provide additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Detzler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher Detzler
NCSSMA President