



Homeland
Security

November 6, 2018

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chair
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am pleased to submit the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) second annual report to Congress concerning the use of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) in mailed correspondence, as required by section 2(c)(4) of the *Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017* (Pub. L. No. 115-59, 131 Stat. 1152-53 (2017) (hereinafter the "Act")).

On July 19, 2018, I submitted the Department's first report that articulated the Department's plan to implement a multi-phased effort to identify, inventory, analyze, and restructure the use of SSNs in mailed correspondence, as required by the Act. In that report, I announced that DHS would exceed the Act's mandate through the issuance of a new policy.

In the three months since the submission of the first report, the DHS Privacy Office has worked to finalize this new policy. At this time, I anticipate finalizing the policy and related review process by the end of calendar year 2018, and I look forward to reporting out the results in the Department's next update.

In the interest of expediency, and given the limited scope of the update, I am electing to present it in this form, rather than conventional agency report format.

Separate, identical responses have been provided to the leadership of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

If you have any inquiries related to this report, please contact the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs at (202) 447-5890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip S. Kaplan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Philip S. Kaplan
Chief Privacy Officer