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Dear Representatives Grijalva, Schakowsky, and Slotkin:

The Autism Society of America writes to thank you for re-introducing the SSI Restoration Act. This bill would improve SSI by streamlining the claiming process, increasing asset limits, setting the minimum benefit at 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and eliminating punitive reduction in benefits.

Currently, over 69 million people receive benefits from Social Security, SSI, or both, including nearly 14 million people with disabilities and their spouses and children. Together these programs provide insurance and income that improves the lives of nearly all people in the United States sometime in their lives. However, many parts of the Social Security and SSI disability systems need to be strengthened to better meet the needs of people with disabilities. The SSI Restoration Act would do strengthen SSI by supporting independent living of individuals with disabilities and allowing individuals with disabilities to engage in independent work without fear of losing benefits.

The Autism Society is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots organization representing children and adults with Autism. Our vision is to create a world where everyone in the Autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it. The Autism Society of America pledges its support to help move this bill quickly through this Session of Congress.

Please contact Kim Musheno, Vice President of Public Policy at the Autism Society of America (kmusheno@autism-society.org or 800-328-8476) if you have any questions or to follow up on this letter.

Sincerely,



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