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Re: Identity Theft Task Force

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to let you know that one major way to stop identity theft is to immediately have the Social Security Administration stop using social security numbers as claim numbers.

My parents have been having a horrible time trying to figure out their social security benefits as well as Medicare Part B. I have had to step in to help them out and I was appalled to see their social numbers were being used as the claim number. Call me paranoid but this screams identity theft. They are so careful in every other aspect of keeping their SSN private yet the organization that assigns them this number is using it like their was no such thing as identity thief. It is unacceptable. These numbers should never be used on any printed materials.

I hope you can come up with a resolution to this problem, don't over think it and start in the obvious places. You are not going to stop identity thief overnight.

Sincerely,

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