



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5320
Social Security Must Avert Identity Loss (MAIL) Act of 2016**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means
on July 13, 2016*

H.R. 5320 would require the Social Security Administration (SSA) to remove complete Social Security Numbers (SSN) from documents sent by mail as soon as practicable, unless the agency determines the inclusion of such number is necessary. SSA is currently working to gradually remove SSNs from mailings and because the legislation would provide flexibility, CBO expects that SSA would continue with its current plan. The bill also would require SSA to report to Congress on its progress implementing those changes. SSA has compiled information about mailings with SSNs for previous audits, reports, and workgroups, and CBO expects that this information would be used to meet the reporting requirements imposed by the bill. Therefore, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5320 would have no effect on the budget.

Enacting H.R. 5320 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5320 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5320 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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