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To restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Fraud
5 Prevention Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SSNS ON DOCUMENTS SENT BY**
7 **MAIL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—No department or agency of the
9 Federal Government may include the social security ac-
10 count number of any individual on any document sent by

1 mail unless the head of such department or agency deter-
2 mines that the inclusion of such social security number
3 on such document is necessary.

4 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each depart-
6 ment and agency of the Federal Government shall issue
7 regulations specifying the circumstances under which in-
8 clusion of a social security account number on a document
9 sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall include—

10 (1) instructions for the partial redaction of so-
11 cial security account numbers whenever feasible; and

12 (2) a requirement that social security account
13 numbers not be visible on the outside of any package
14 sent by mail.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall apply with re-
16 spect to documents sent by mail on or after the date that
17 is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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