

Dear Representative,

I am at a desperate point in my life. Now that I'm unable to work because of a severe medical condition, I am struggling to make ends meet. The Social Security Administration has not delivered on its promise to provide me and my fellow Americans with the right to a timely review of my application or a timely hearing for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.

As an elected official, I ask you to stand up for my rights by advocating to end delays in the Social Security Administration.

SSDI has received a negative persona recently – being called a welfare program or a government handout. This is simply not true. With every paycheck I have earned, I have paid my Social Security taxes. The 6.2% that is deducted helped me buy three things – a retirement plan, a healthcare plan and a disability plan.

Now that I am at a crucial time in my life, I need to reach for my safety net of Social Security and collect my benefits. The processing delays are forcing your constituents to live in poverty, while they wait to receive the money that they stocked away for their time of need.

Thank you for your attention to this issue that is affecting thousands every day, including me.

Respectfully yours,

Your concerned citizen