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Dear Mr. Goddard:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concern about the high incidence of identity theft in Arizona and the need to curtail government use of Social Security numbers as a means of reducing such theft. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your office's interest in this problem.

I share your concern about the rampant increase in identity theft, made possible in part by increasingly easy access to personal identification information such as Social Security numbers. Several proposals have been introduced in Congress addressing this issue, and I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 1745, the Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act, which I believe is the proposal most likely to gain momentum. H.R. 1745 would prohibit Federal, State and local governments from selling and displaying Social Security numbers to the general public, and prohibit displaying of Social Security numbers on checks and employee identification cards issues by such governments.

H.R. 1745 was introduced on April 20th, and referred to the House Energy & Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Financial Institutions & Consumer Credit for consideration. No further action has yet been scheduled on the bill. With more than 40 current co-sponsors, however, and growing national concern over this issue, I am confident that Congress will take action during this session of Congress. Be assured that I am working towards that end by discussing the need for such legislation with my colleagues.

Sincerely,

Ed Pastor
Member of Congress

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