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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Valadao (for himself, Mrs. Comstock, Mr. Swalwell of California, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, Ms. Sinema, Mr. Allen, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Royce of California, Mr. LaMalfa, Mr. Renacci, Ms. Jackson Lee, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Denham, Mr. McClintock, Mrs. Roby, Mr. Bucshon, Mr. Nunes, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Moulton, Mrs. Murphy of Florida, Mrs. Demings, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Webster of Florida, Mr. Carbaajal, and Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. RESTRICTION OF SSNS ON DOCUMENTS SENT BY MAIL.

(a) In General.—No department or agency of the Federal Government may include the social security account number of any individual on any document sent by mail unless the head of such department or agency determines that the inclusion of such social security number on such document is necessary.

(b) Regulations.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each department and agency of the Federal Government shall issue regulations specifying the circumstances under which inclusion of a social security account number on a document sent by mail is necessary. Such regulations shall include—

(1) instructions for the partial redaction of social security account numbers whenever feasible; and

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

(c) Effective Date.—This Act shall apply with respect to documents sent by mail on or after the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.