



August 12th, 2013

The Honorable Sam Johnson
3rd District, Texas
U.S. House of Representatives
1211 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson,

I am writing today on behalf of the 750,000 members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, in strong support of H.R. 781, the "Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2013." Pleased to see this important legislation introduced, AMAC firmly believes that this bill addresses a crucial change necessary to protect mature Americans and seniors from identity theft.

To ensure greater personal and financial security for seniors, H.R. 781 amends title II of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion of Social Security account numbers on Medicare cards. Of note, forty-seven million Americans carry their Medicare cards with them on a daily basis, making them highly vulnerable to identity theft crimes. Removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards instantaneously minimizes the unavoidable risks that come with carrying Medicare cards and offers seniors peace of mind. While the crime of identity theft has long-lasting and devastating repercussions, this bill takes practical, proactive measures to prevent older Americans from losing the retirement savings they have built over the course of their careers. As identity thieves become increasingly more sophisticated, AMAC believes H.R. 781 takes responsible steps to shield seniors from this despicable crime.

Like many Americans, AMAC encourages Congress to enact commonsense legislation to strengthen the personal identification defenses of Medicare cardholders. AMAC is deeply committed to protecting all Americans – particularly mature Americans and seniors – from the harmful impacts associated with identity theft, and we believe that this legislation is a critical first step in combating identity theft perpetrators. Thanks to your esteemed leadership on this important matter and your concern for American senior citizens, AMAC is more than proud to endorse H.R. 781, the "Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2013."

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC