



July 16, 2015

The Honorable Sam Johnson
3rd District, Texas
2304 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson,

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of AMAC, the Association of Mature American Citizens, I am writing in support of your bill, H.R. 1936, the "Improving the Integrity of Disability Evidence Act of 2015." This timely piece of legislation would ensure that the Social Security Administration (SSA) uses medical evidence only from reputable sources when making a disability determination.

Unfortunately, some claimant representatives have sought to cheat the system by seeking out doctors who will provide medical opinions leading to a disability-benefit award without question. As a result of notable reports that relay similar stories and highlight the rampant waste, fraud, and abuse within the Social Security disability program, many Americans now recognize the urgent need for legislation aimed at restoring the integrity of this program. For this reason, H.R. 1936 would prohibit the SSA from considering medical evidence from doctors who are barred from participating in Medicare or who were assessed a civil monetary penalty for submitting false evidence by the SSA.

AMAC believes that targeting waste, fraud, and abuse within the Social Security disability program is an important first step toward achieving fiscal solvency. Furthermore, we expect the Federal government to protect benefits for those Americans who are truly disabled in addition to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are not wasted unnecessarily. H.R. 1936 rightly demands increased accountability within Social Security when it comes to making disability determinations.

AMAC remains committed to promoting commonsense solutions that promise to improve and strengthen the disability program for future generations. Thanks to your dedication to this issue, AMAC is pleased to support H.R. 1936, the "Improving the Integrity of Disability Evidence Act of 2015."

Sincerely,
Dan Weber
President and Founder of AMAC