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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1312

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Louis Ambrose
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Frederick, Maryland 21703

Dear Louis:

I wanted to drop you a note to let you know I received your message regarding Social Security benefits for illegal immigrants.

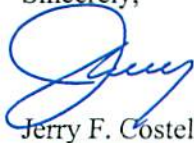
Like you, I do not believe that illegal immigrants should collect Social Security benefits and there is currently no legislation authorizing them to do so.

You may be interested to know that, H.R. 160, the Social Security for American's Only Act, has been introduced in the House. H.R. 160 would provide that wages earned, and self-employment income derived, by individuals who are not citizens or nationals of the United States shall not be credited for coverage under Social Security benefits. H.R. 160 has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. Should this legislation come before the full House for a vote, you can be sure I will keep your views in mind.

Finally, I want you to know that I have voted in the past to block payments of benefits under the proposed Social Security totalization agreement that was signed with Mexico. Please be assured I will work closely with my colleagues to ensure that Social Security remains solvent and available for future beneficiaries.

Please do not hesitate to let me know whenever you believe I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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