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The Honorable Tim Scott
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
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The Honorable Gary Peters
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Dear Senator Cassidy, McCaskill, Scott and Peters:

On behalf of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS), I would like to thank you for your support of modernizing the Consent Based Social Security Number Verification (CBSV) system by accepting electronic consent. As an association of professionals who dedicated to protecting communities and workplaces, we have long recognized the important role technology can play to promote Americans' safety including protection from identity fraud.

It is important that the federal government keep up with the speed of technological advancements to thwart those who would use technology for bad purposes, such as to commit synthetic identity fraud and to leverage the beneficial aspects of technologies such as electronic signatures. We applaud your efforts to call upon the Social Security Administration to modernize its information technology infrastructure and processes to accept electronic signatures. Such a step would make the CBSV system more efficient, and thereby a more effective tool in combatting identity fraud.

We further believe that this change is necessary to promote the usage of the CBSV system. There are currently many employers who want to perform CBSVs, but choose not to due to the inconvenience of the SSA-89 wet signature form. As a result, we believe that this initiative to modernize the CBSV system would propel more employers to utilize the service, ultimately decreasing identity fraud.

NAPBS thanks you for your leadership on this issue and welcomes the opportunity to partner with you in promoting Americans' safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Sorenson", written in a cursive style.

Melissa Sorenson, Executive Director
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