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Dear Members of Congress,

As Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, you are entrusted with the responsibility to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and to ensure federal programs operate with integrity and efficiency. We respectfully urge you to vote **YES** on **S. 269, the Ending Improper Payments to Deceased People Act**.

This legislation makes permanent a critical data-sharing agreement between the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Do Not Pay system. By strengthening coordination between these agencies, Congress can help stop improper federal payments to deceased individuals—payments that represent billions of dollars in wasted funds each year.

The importance of this agreement extends beyond preventing improper payments. It ensures the Treasury Department has the tools it needs to administer federal programs effectively and responsibly, while protecting taxpayer dollars and preserving public trust. Improper payments divert limited resources away from the hardworking Americans who fund these programs and who rely on them to function properly.

States across the country, including New York, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Florida and others—have encountered significant instances of fraud and improper payments, underscoring the urgent need for strong federal safeguards. This bill provides a clear, commonsense solution to a well-documented problem.

**S. 269 passed the Senate by unanimous consent**, demonstrating broad bipartisan agreement that the federal government should not be accidentally cutting checks to deceased individuals. Quite simply, there should be no opposition to empowering the government to prevent this waste and protect taxpayer funds.

We respectfully call on the House to act swiftly and vote **YES** on S. 269.

Sincerely,

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