Date

**Senator/Congressmember**

The Honorable [Elected Oﬃcial] 123 Address St

Anytown, ST 12345

Dear [Elected Oﬃcial],

RE: Social Security Administration’s unreasonable backlogs and delays at each level in the social security disability claims process.

I am signiﬁcantly disabled and have paid my federal taxes into the system for many years. However, recently there have been unreasonable delays in the processing of all claims by the social security administration. I have enclosed below a chart showing the delays after comparing “before 2022” with “in 2022”.

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| Before 2022 | In 2022 |
| Initial Level: 1-4 months to receive a decision after the date the application was submitted | Initial Level: 8 months from ﬁling date to get a representative assigned & another 4-6 months to receive a decision |
| Reconsideration Level: 1-4 months to receive a decision after the date the application was submitted | Reconsideration Level: 8 months from ﬁling date to get a representative assigned & another 4-6 months to receive a decision |
| Hearing Level: 8-11 months waiting period for a hearing from the date a hearing was requested | Hearing Level: 12-18 months waiting period for a hearing from the date a hearing was requested |
| Appeals Council: 12-15 months before a claimant’s decision is released | Appeals Council: 15-24 months before a claimant’s decision is released |
| Federal Court: 12-16 months for a claimant’s decision to be made | Federal Court: 1-2 years for a claimant’s decision to be made |

Please do all you can to increase staﬀ and reduce the inordinate delays in the Social Security Administration. This causes not only an unfair ﬁnancial burden on me but a decline in my health and lack of access to good medical treatment that comes with approval of social security disability awards.

Sincerely,

**Your Name Address Email**