

September 23, 2019

United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the over 1.5 million Social Security Works supporters, we are writing to urge all Senators to vote NO on the nomination of David Black to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

Despite his extensive time working in the agency, we believe that Mr. Black is hostile to our Social Security system and to the agency workforce. The Office of the General Counsel, under Mr. Black's leadership, undermined the workers' union, making it impossible for union representatives to fulfill their responsibilities to the employees. Moreover, the OGC reversed policies designed to protect the rights of working families when they claimed their earned benefits.

An ideal candidate for the Deputy Commissioner position would not only have experience working at the agency but would also be a strong supporter of the program and the workers who labor to keep it functioning. Mr. Black is far from that. Again, we strongly urge you to vote against his confirmation.

We look forward to working with you to protect Social Security and expand its modest benefits.

Sincerely,

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