



National Association of State Medicaid Directors

an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association

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The Honorable Jay Rockefeller
United States Senate
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 1111

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

On behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD) I am writing to extend our support for S. 1111, the "Special Disability Workload Liability Resolution Act of 2009". As you know this legislation would be instrumental in resolving the Social Security Administration's (SSA) computer processing glitch which resulted in a failure to identify Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who had become eligible to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). As you know, SSA is aware of this error and is working to correct the amount owed to the disabled individuals. However, at this time SSA has not determined how they will rectify this liability owed to the states which is why S. 1111 is so important to us.

We are hopeful that Congress will vote to approve this bill to ensure a speedy resolution of this matter. As you know, states are facing significant budget constraints and this bill would greatly assist states with their current fiscal crises.

Thank you for your hard work on this issue. Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information. Should you have any questions please contact me at 202-682-0100 x299.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Clemency Kohler".

Ann Clemency Kohler
NASMD Director

Cc: Cindy Mann, CMSO