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The Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz
United States House of Representatives
330 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 2849

Dear Representative Schwartz:

On behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD) I am writing to extend our support for H.R. 2849, 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 H.R. 2849 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,



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