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(Submitted by the Maryland/DC Alliance)

## **Resolution**

### **SSA Day of Action June 10, 2026**

**Whereas** President Trump began his second term of office searching for fraud, waste, and abuse in federal agencies; and

**Whereas** one of the President's first targets of waste and abuse was the Social Security Administration; and

**Whereas** the President falsely alleged in his 2025 State of the Union speech that nearly "16 million" dead people were receiving Social Security benefits and by doing so, was alleging that SSA employees were incompetent; and

**Whereas** the President's agent, Elon Musk, was authorized to reduce staff in a severely understaffed Social Security Administration; and

**Whereas** SSA was informed that it was required to reduce staff by 7,000 workers; and

**Whereas** SSA achieved this staff reduction goal through a series of actions by terminating employees,

offering employees early retirement, and offering employees buyouts; and

**Whereas** the staffing cuts were accomplished without any analysis of the staffing needs in the Agency; and

**Whereas** due to the lack of planning, many SSA field offices suffered significant staff reductions that made them unable to provide adequate public service; and

**Whereas** staff cuts resulted in employees being assigned impossible workloads; and

**Whereas** SSA cut staff in teleservice centers, resulting in 1-800 number call wait times of up to 3 hours; and

**Whereas** SSA cut staff in field offices, resulting in the doubling of processing time for disability claims and delays of up to 60 days for appointments to file claims; and

**Whereas** because of President Trump's return to work mandate, SSA employees were denied negotiated work-at-home rights; and

**Whereas** SSA had finished in last place 3 years in a row out of the 20 largest federal agencies in the annual OPM job satisfaction survey; and

**Whereas** Trump's actions with regard to SSA have caused employee morale to deteriorate even more, accelerating employees' exiting the Agency; and

**Whereas** SSA employees have experienced chronically low

pay and benefits; and

**Whereas** 97% of SSA employees in teleservice centers who answer the 1-800 number calls do not make a living wage; and

**Whereas** staff cuts in SSA have resulted in all of the employees permanently leaving some offices - effectively resulting in their closure; and

**Whereas** current staffing in SSA is at a 59-year low, even though there are 3 times more beneficiaries today than in 1967, and 31% of the SSA administrative budget is for administering the SSI program that was created in 1974; and

**Whereas** the current leadership in SSA has stated that the answer to low staffing is using Artificial Intelligence to adjudicate claims; and

**Whereas** SSA is actively steering the public to do their SSA business online to eliminate the need for staffing; and

**Whereas** many seniors and those who are disabled are uncomfortable making major life decisions such as filing for retirement, disability benefits, or Medicare on the internet or by telephone; and

**Whereas** SSA has done no polling of the American public regarding service delivery options that they would prefer, even though the American public finances SSA through their taxes; and

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Alliance for Retired

Americans endorses the AFGE-SSA Union Day of Action on June 10, 2026; and

**Therefore, be it finally resolved** that the Alliance will encourage its members to attend events that are planned throughout the nation on the Day of Action where SSA employees, AFGE and allies of SSA and AFGE will be protesting these destabilizing policies that have adversely affected Americans and SSA employees and demanding that SSA be restored as an Agency that treats its employees with respect and delivers high quality, timely service to the public.