



**SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act (H.R. 5408/S. 2767)
Advocacy Email Template**

Thank you for your interest in advocating for the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act! These template emails are intended for advocates to use in communication with their elected officials at the federal level. If you need contact information for your federal officials or have any questions about these templates, please contact NDSS Manager of Federal Government Relations, Anna Fedewa, at afedewa@ndss.org.

Subject: Please support the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act!

Body:

As your constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act (H.R. 5408/S. 2767).

Under the current Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, individual beneficiaries are limited to having \$2,000 in assets and couples are limited to \$3,000 in order to remain eligible for critical government benefits such as SSI and Medicaid. The limits have not changed since 1989 and the maximum benefit amounts are well below today's federal poverty line. This bill would increase the allowable assets for SSI beneficiaries and eliminate the marriage penalty.

[Insert your own language here about how this bill affects you, why you are passionate about this issue etc.]

Please work to ensure that people with Down syndrome and other disabilities can work, save their income, and marry who they choose without compromising their SSI benefits. Please support the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anna Fedewa, Manager of Federal Government Relations at the National Down Syndrome Society at afedewa@ndss.org.