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May 12, 2020

The Honorable Andrew Saul  
Commissioner  
Social Security Administration  
6401 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, Maryland 21235

Dear Commissioner Saul:

On behalf of our 38 million members and all older Americans nationwide, AARP thanks you for your leadership of the Social Security Administration throughout the coronavirus pandemic, including your efforts to assist the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to ensure tens of millions of Social Security beneficiaries receive their economic impact payments as quickly as possible, and in a simple and straightforward manner. We write today to urge you to assist Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to ensure Social Security beneficiaries living in the territories are also able to receive their relief payments quickly and automatically.

It is our understanding the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department have recently finalized impact payment disbursement plans for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands that require local tax authorities to disburse relief payments to eligible residents, including Social Security beneficiaries. AARP has been hearing increasing concerns that these local tax authorities will be unable to quickly and efficiently identify Social Security beneficiaries who are eligible for relief payments without requiring them to fill out additional paperwork.

AARP believes Social Security beneficiaries in U.S. Territories, like all other Americans, should be able to receive their relief payments automatically and without having to file additional paperwork. We therefore urge you to work with local tax authorities in U.S. Territories, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the IRS and Treasury to help identify all eligible Social Security beneficiaries living there and to ensure they receive their much-needed relief payments as quickly as possible.

Once again, AARP thanks you for your leadership in these difficult times. We urge you to continue your efforts to ensure economic relief payments reach all Social Security recipients who need them, including those in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If you have any questions,

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please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Tom Nicholls of our Government Affairs team at [tnicholls@aarp.org](mailto:tnicholls@aarp.org) or 202-434-3765.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Bill Sweeney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bill Sweeney  
Senior Vice President  
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CC: The Honorable David Black, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner  
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