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# H. R. 2404

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit tax-related mailings from disclosing in any public way an individual's social security number.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 4, 1997

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Stop the Theft of Our  
5       Social Security Numbers Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECU-**  
7       **RITY NUMBERS ON TAX-RELATED MAILINGS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6109 of the Internal Rev-  
9       enue Code of 1986 (relating to identifying numbers) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2 section:

3 “(i) PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.—

4 In any case in which an individual’s identifying number  
5 for purposes of this title is the social security account  
6 number issued to such individual for purposes of section  
7 205(c)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act, no officer or em-  
8 ployee of the Department of the Treasury may include  
9 such number—

10 “(1) on the outside of any tax-related mailing  
11 to any person, or

12 “(2) as part of the contents of any tax-related  
13 mailing to any person unless—

14 “(A) the contents are in an envelope (or  
15 other appropriate wrapper) which is sealed, and

16 “(B) such number may not be viewed with-  
17 out opening such envelope (or wrapper).

18 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘tax-related  
19 mailing’ means any mailing related to the administration  
20 of this title.”

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
22 this section shall take effect on October 1, 1997.

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