

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2207

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Mr. Leland Dudek
Acting Commissioner
Social Security Administration
1300 D Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Acting Commissioner Dudek,

As you continue working towards the goal of reducing waste, fraud, and abuse across the federal government, I'm writing to express my strong opposition to any potential permanent closure of the Social Security Administration (SSA) office located at 1350 E Main St in Owosso, Michigan.

This location is the only SSA field office in Shiawassee County, a rural community with limited public transportation and unreliable broadband. Permanently removing in-person access to the Social Security services offered here would create a serious hardship for the more than 1,400 people who rely on it for access to critical benefits and assistance.

We know this because the SSA regional offices in Chicago confirmed that this location has been closed for more than 4 months as repairs continue to solve a pungent odor. As a result, residents in this community, many of them seniors and individuals with disabilities, are being forced to travel nearly an hour or more just to access basic services. This is not just inconvenient, it is completely unacceptable.

If the current building is in such poor condition that repairs can't be completed promptly, I urge you to find a new or temporary location in the area to continue serving this community. Shiawassee County deserves better than silence and delay.

I respectfully urge you to reject any proposal to permanently close this office and move quickly to restore in-person services for the people who rely on them.

Sincerely,



Tom Barrett
Member of Congress