



**National Council of SSA Field Operations Locals
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO**

*Representing Over 28,000 Social Security Employees Working In Over 1,200 Field Offices
and 36 Teleservice Centers Across the Nation, Puerto Rico and Pacific Islands*

To all SSA employees,

In the new federal budget for FY18—being voted on this month—Senate Republicans are proposing a \$492 million cut to the Social Security Administration (SSA). This is in addition to approximately \$400 million for cost of living increases for employees, contractors, and leases, resulting in almost \$900 million less than the FY17 budget. This is on top of the billions Congress has already underfunded the SSA this decade.

The impact to the work place will be devastating, as the budget will most likely result in a hiring freeze, no overtime, more office closures and possible furloughs of up to 20 days. These furloughs would be much different than furloughs experienced from government shutdowns. These furloughs would result in non-reimbursed unpaid time. A pay cut!

This ongoing assault on SSA's funding will make it increasingly difficult for the American people to access the benefits and services that we've earned with every paycheck. Backlogs will continue to grow and waiting times will get longer.

We must stop this backdoor attack on Social Security!

AFGE Council 220 is a partner of Social Security Works. Social Security Works is a nonprofit coalition that works with other organizations to support and protect Social Security. Social Security Works has created a petition to Congress to fully fund Social Security. AFGE Council 220 asks you to sign the petition and ask your family and friends to do the same.

[Sign the petition! Demand that Congress fully fund the Social Security Administration in the upcoming federal budget.](#)

In Solidarity,

Witold Skwierczynski, President

(You may also go to https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/tell-congress-fully-fund-the-social-security-administrations-budget-dont-cut-it?link_id=1&can_id=6bd8afcdeeca5da56f8070b22355b059&source=email-another-sneak-attack-on-social-security-2&email_referrer=email_282410&email_subject=another-sneak-attack-on-social-security)