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The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
503 Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Brown and Cassidy,

Thank you for your leadership in working to update the asset limit for recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The current SSI asset policy makes little sense, discouraging saving for emergencies or for special goals that would provide a measure of protection and an enhanced quality of life for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

The economic insecurities faced by SSI recipients are profound. Substantially increasing the asset limit from the current level of \$2,000 and indexing it to inflation would encourage savings, better preparing for future financial shocks. It would also remove a perverse pressure on individuals nearing the asset limit to spend their money immediately rather than saving it for a rainy day.

The National Association of Evangelicals supports efforts to provide for the vulnerable, alleviate poverty and uphold human dignity. Allowing SSI recipients to save more of their money is a step in the right direction. Please be assured of our support as you pursue this important reform.

Respectfully,



Walter Kim
President