SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION



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Date:

\*\*[First Name Last Name Address City, ST Zip Code]\*\*

Dear [Individual's Name]:

We are writing to tell you that the Commissioner of Social Security decided to stop collecting overpayments resulting from Eric Conn's fraud scheme.

## How the Commissioner's Decision Affects You

If you have a redetermination hearing decision that is final, and you have an outstanding overpayment, we will stop collecting that overpayment. The Commissioner's decision applies even if we previously denied your request to waive the overpayment. We will also refund money we have already collected and applied to that overpayment.

If you are still waiting for a redetermination hearing and final decision, you might still be overpaid. If that happens, we will not collect the overpayment. But you should still attend your redetermination hearing because our decision may impact the benefits you receive.

You will get more information about the Commissioner's decision to stop collecting these overpayments, including specific details about your overpayment and any money we may owe you. If you receive both disability insurance benefits and Supplemental Security Income payments, we will send you separate letters for each type of overpayment.

Please note that this decision requires us to take a number of actions which could take several months to complete.

## **Overpayments Not Related to Conn's Fraud**

The Commissioner's decision only applies to overpayments resulting from Conn's fraud scheme. And, it does not change the terms of the *Johnson* settlement agreement, a court case involving some of Conn's former clients. If you requested continuing benefits under the *Johnson* settlement agreement and agreed to repay those benefits if we found you not disabled, you will still be required to repay those benefits.

## [If there is a redetermination hearing pending] You Should Still Attend Your Redetermination Hearing

It is important that you attend your redetermination hearing if one is scheduled for you now or in the future. Although the Commissioner is no longer collecting overpayments resulting from Conn's fraud scheme, the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) decision may still affect any benefits that you are currently receiving, as well as benefits you may have received under other government programs such as Medicaid. The ALJ's decision will also affect whether you must repay any benefits the agency made to you under the terms of the *Johnson* settlement agreement. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to attend your hearing, where you will have the opportunity to provide the ALJ with evidence and testimony regarding your claim(s).

## **Questions About Your Redetermination Hearing or If Your Address Changes**

If you have questions about your redetermination hearing, please call us at (844) 698-1703 or write us at the address on the first page of this letter. You must also tell us if you change your address. To update your address, please visit your local field office or call (800) 772-1213.

[If no redetermination hearing is pending] If Your Address Changes

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Sincerely,

Hearing Office Director

cc: Representative, if any