

The Honorable [First Name] [Last Name]  
U.S. House of Representatives  
[Address]  
Washington, D.C. 20515

April \_\_\_\_, 2010

Dear Representative [Last Name],

As a chapter organization of APSE, the *only* national organization with an *exclusive focus* on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for citizens with disabilities. As an organization that promotes national, state and local policy development in an effort to enhance the social and economic inclusion and empowerment of citizens with disabilities, our state chapter, [Chapter abbreviation] APSE, asks for your sponsorship of the '*SSI Savings Act of 2010*' (H.R. 4937).

As introduced, the Act would raise the asset limits under the Supplemental Security Income program. The current asset limits of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple would be increased to \$5,000 and \$7,500, respectively. Additionally, the Act's various provisions would allow for the exclusion of certain retirement accounts from the calculation of an individual's total assets, allows for certain income exceptions and requires inflationary adjustments.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) has been a source of income for thousands of citizens with disabilities. However, current asset limits have provided little incentive for asset development. An increase is a much welcomed change. Many Americans with disabilities can and want to work, but they fear the risk of losing their much-needed Medicaid if they exceed current asset limits. The passage of this Act will encourage responsible asset development and will mean that citizens with disabilities will be able to work and make an income without fear of losing Medicaid services.

[Chapter abbreviation] APSE is pleased to support this piece of legislation and is hopeful that you will sign on as a co-sponsor. We thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

[Name of State] APSE  
Chapter President

[Name of State] APSE  
Legislative Liaison