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Cash Management Policy and Planning Division
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U.S. Department of the Treasury, Room 420
401 14th Street, NW
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Dear Sir,

Having recently become aware of the pending change from paper checks to electronic fund transfer for Social Security and other governmental benefits recipients, I would like to argue for freedom of choice in the matter! Many people, myself included, would like to receive our checks in the mail. This is simply our preference.

Moreover, I know of many elderly without bank accounts or who live great distances from a bank and still others for whom this new system will be a major inconvenience. Will those for whom a financial institution is chosen have any say as to which institution? Will they be able to change from one institution to another easily? Will everyone be informed by mail well in advance of this program?

In this great nation of ours, I would hope freedom of choice could still prevail in how one is to receive his/her Social Security benefits.

Sincerely,

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