



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Funding Highlights:

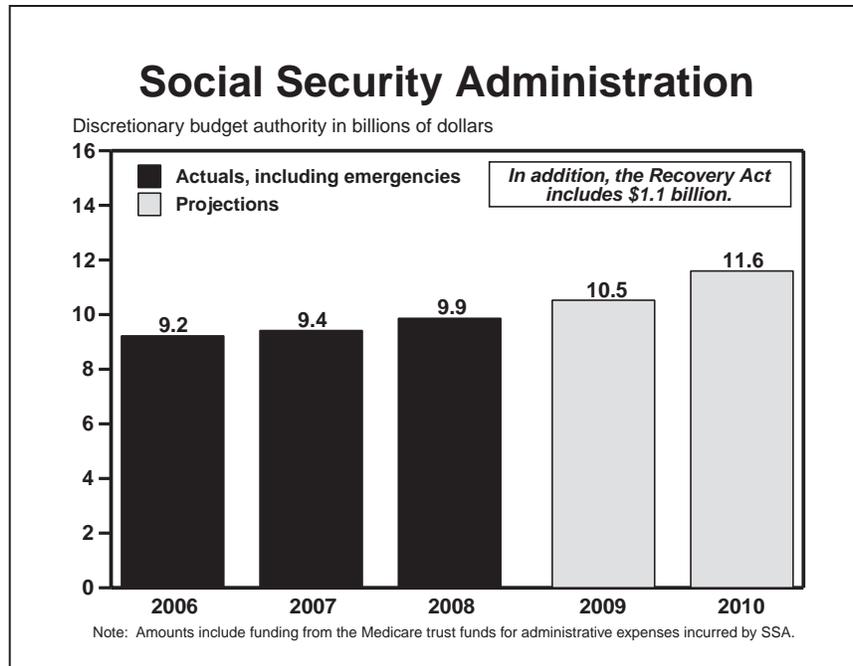
- Provides \$11.6 billion for the Social Security Administration, a 10-percent increase targeted at completing crucial workloads and providing the American public with better service.
- Enables processing of a rising number of retirement and disability claims.
- Provides funding for increasing program integrity efforts to ensure payments are made to the right person and in the correct amount.
- Modernizes rules for evaluating disability.
- Looks forward to working in a bipartisan way to preserve Social Security for future generations.

Protects Social Security. The President recognizes that Social Security is indispensable to workers, the disabled, seniors, and survivors and is probably the most important and most successful program that our country has ever established. Social Security can pay full benefits until 2041. The President is committed to ensuring that Social Security is solvent and viable for the American people, now and in the future. He is strongly opposed to privatizing Social Security and looks forward to working in a bipartisan way to preserve it for future generations.

Provides a 10 Percent Funding Increase to Target Crucial Workloads and Process a Rising Number of Claims for Disability and Retirement Benefits. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is responsible for paying benefits to more than 55 million people each month. Each year, SSA processes more than 4.2 million retirement, survivor, and Medicare claims; 2.6 million disability claims; and over 300,000 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) claims. The Budget proposes \$11.6

billion for SSA, an increase of \$1.1 billion, or 10 percent, above the 2009 likely enacted level of \$10.5 billion. This amount includes resources to ensure increased staffing in 2010 and will allow SSA to increase the level of work processed in key service delivery areas to the American public, such as processing initial retirement and disability claims, and disability appeals. In addition, this amount includes resources to enable SSA to more effectively and efficiently verify hundreds of millions of Social Security Numbers and issue about 18 million Social Security cards.

Significantly Increases Program Integrity Efforts. The President's 2010 Budget provides \$759 million for SSA program integrity that will reverse a decline in these activities. SSA's program integrity efforts will be part of a strong framework for making sure Government is spending tax dollars efficiently and that benefits are paid only to those beneficiaries who are eligible and are paid in the correct amounts. Continuing Disability Reviews ensure that Disability Insurance and



SSI recipients continue to meet the medical criteria. SSI redeterminations ensure that SSI recipients continue to meet the non-medical factors of eligibility.

Restructures the Federal Wage Reporting Process. The President's 2010 Budget proposes to restructure the Federal wage reporting process to increase the frequency with which wages are reported to SSA. Currently,

wages are reported to the Federal Government once a year. Increasing the timeliness of wage reporting would enhance tax administration, improve program integrity for a range of programs, and facilitate implementation of automatic workplace pensions. The Administration will work with the States so that the overall reporting burden on employers is not increased.