

Subcommittee Hearing: Policy Options for Improving SSI
Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy
United States Senate Committee on Finance
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

[FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TESTIFYING]

Dear Chairman Brown and Ranking Member Young:

My name is [FULL NAME] and I am writing to submit a statement for the record for the Subcommittee Hearing: Policy Options for Improving SSI. [I / my family member / my friend] rely on SSI and the program desperately needs to be updated. Many of the rules have not been changed since SSI was passed in 1972 and it no longer ensures 'that the nation's aged, blind, and disabled people would no longer have to live on below-poverty incomes.'

[YOUR STORY.

You can talk about how low benefits are and how hard that makes it to afford things, how marriage penalties have hurt you or kept you from getting married, how you can't get help from family members without it messing up your benefits, or about problems you've had working or with asset limits.]

For these reasons, I ask Congress to include improvements to SSI in the upcoming budget reconciliation legislation.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]