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Dear Colleague:

Social Security provides financial benefits, tools, and information to help support you throughout life's journey. We are pleased to announce the launch of geospatial mapping at Social Security! Our new initiative, *GeoMaps*, complements our Open Data initiatives.

For several years, we have published a wealth of data on [Data.gov](https://data.gov) concerning subjects as varied as Social Security Number Verification Service we offer for employers. We know people learn and receive information in different ways. GeoMaps is an interactive mapping tool that lets you view large amounts of our data in a quick, geographic way. You can also download the data, and mesh it with your own data to create other maps.

We've started with these maps and plan to add more in the future:

- Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance benefits by state; and
- "Help America Vote Verification System" transactions by state. Social Security manages this system for verifying the information of newly registered voters for federal elections.

We encourage you to explore this innovative technology by visiting our [Open Government Map Gallery](#). If there are other types of maps you would like published here, you can also [submit](#) your idea to us. As resources become available, we'll add them to the gallery!

Please share this information with your colleagues. Thank you for your interest in our programs, and for helping to keep Social Security secure today and tomorrow!

Sincerely,

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