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# Protecting the Integrity of Federal Disability Programs



Federal disability programs were intended to serve the truly needy, but the system has become riddled with fraud, waste, and abuse. Each year, billions of dollars in overpayments are made by disability programs, many of which are never recovered. The system is complex, allowing people to take advantage of programs and intentionally defraud disability, threatening resources for the truly needy and putting the programs at risk. Restoring program integrity within federal disability programs would reduce fraud, waste, and abuse, preserving resources for the truly needy, protecting Social Security, and ensuring the program doesn't become a welfare trap.

**Voters support program integrity reform within federal disability programs.**

**What messages really move them? These messages work best.**

- ▶ From 2013-2017, **disability insurance overpaid \$8 billion**, and nearly **\$1 out of every \$3 went unrecovered**.
- ▶ People **intentionally defraud the disability system**, harming the truly needy that the program was designed to help.
- ▶ Restoring program integrity within the federal disability system would **protect Social Security**.

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