Not many things in life can be as stressful as an injury or illness preventing you from obtaining or maintaining gainful employment. Unfortunately, many face this dilemma and find themselves needing to file for Social Security Disability.

Our Congressional office is here to assist you in this most difficult time. While we have no control over the final determination made by the Social Security Administration (SSA), we can provide you with updates on your claim and find out what medical records may be needed to move forward with your application for disability benefits. We can also monitor the status of your pending hearing request or remind you as to what appointments SSA has made on your behalf.

Social Security pays disability benefits to people who cannot work because they have a medical condition that is expected to last at least one year, or may result in death. To obtain more information, or to apply, please visit the Social Security website.

If you have a pending claim, be sure to keep the agency updated with your latest medical records; and, you may file for reconsideration if you are denied. An appeal filed promptly will ensure your claim is re-activated and processed to the next level of review. If you have already been awarded disability, you can manage your benefits by creating your free <u>my Social Security</u> account.

If you have a specific problem with the Social Security Administration, please contact our office at <u>caseworkgal1@mail.house.gov</u> or (770) 429-1776. We look forward to serving you should you need our assistance.

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