

Budzinski Office Says Illinois Constituent Recovered \$394,000 in Delayed Social Security Benefits

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SPRINGFIELD, IL — Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski’s (IL-13) office helped an Illinois resident recover \$394,000 in long-delayed Social Security benefits after years of navigating a complex and frustrating process with the Social Security Administration. To listen to the full story, click [HERE](#).

After Lisa Ash lost her sister, she stepped up to become the legal guardian of her nephew. While her sister was terminally ill, Lisa was notified by the Social Security Administration (SSA) that a payment would be issued through a government debit card.

Despite informing SSA of her sister's condition, the payment was processed in a way that left Lisa unable to access the funds intended to support her nephew.

Lisa turned to Congresswoman Budzinski's constituent services team, who worked directly with the SSA to advocate on Lisa's behalf, and ensure that she and her nephew received the full amount of benefits they were owed. Ultimately, the Budzinski team helped Lisa recover more than \$394,000 in overdue Social Security payments. To learn more about Lisa's experience, click [HERE](#).

Congresswoman Budzinski's office assists constituents with issues involving federal agencies, including Social Security, veterans' services, Medicare, passports, and other federal programs. Constituents in Illinois' 13th Congressional District can contact her office for assistance.