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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Chairman Camp:

Since 1981, the Committee on Ways and Means has published the *Green Book*, which presents background material and statistical data on the major entitlement programs and other activities within the Committee's jurisdiction. Over the decades, the *Green Book* has become a valuable resource and standard reference on American social policy. It is widely used by Members of Congress and their staffs, analysts in congressional and administrative agencies, members of the media, scholars, and citizens interested in the Nation's social policy.

Committee staff who oversaw preparation of the 2014 *Green Book* include Matt Weidinger, staff director of the Subcommittee on Human Resources, assisted by Anne DeCesaro, Ryan Martin, Levi Stoep, and Alexandra Rice of the subcommittee staff. Numerous committee staff reviewed individual chapters. Edward Baird directed the Committee's efforts to host and publish the *Green Book* online, while Matt Hittle and Dan Harder assisted in the online posting and review associated with the publication of this important document.

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On behalf of all those who worked on this, the 22nd edition, I am pleased to transmit the 2014 *Green Book* to you and other Members of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,



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