

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Alabama to protect the rights of disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Alabamians have been terminated from eligible Social Security disability benefits due to reevaluations ordered by the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, many citizens and their families are suffering financial and emotional hardships from the termination of benefits even though their medical condition has not improved; and

WHEREAS, these reevaluations appear to have gone beyond the intent of the United States Congress; and

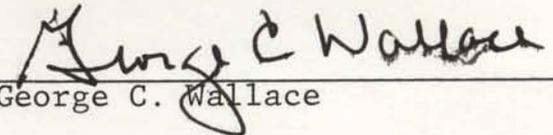
WHEREAS, the United States Congress is considering legislation that would review the medical criteria used in the reevaluation of disability recipients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George C. Wallace, Governor of the State of Alabama, under the authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby direct the State Superintendent of Education and the Director of the Division of Disability Determination to place a moratorium on processing any initial recommendations for terminating benefits unless fraud has been demonstrated.

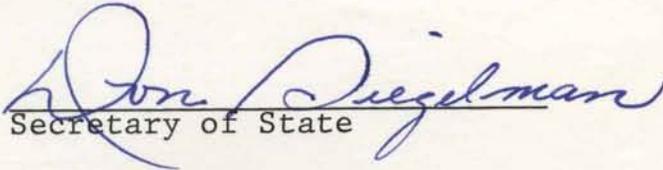
The review of claims forwarded by the Social Security Administration shall be permitted to progress to completion. Favorable recommendations of these claims shall continue to be processed in the normal manner.

This order shall become effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until appropriate medical improvement standards are enacted by the United States Congress, or until modified or superseded by further Executive Order.

DONE and ORDERED on this 19th day of September, 1983.


George C. Wallace

ATTEST:


Secretary of State