

# CUT THE PAPER FROM SECURE ACT 2.0

## Two Administrations agree electronic delivery works.

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) 2020 electronic delivery (eDelivery) safe harbor rule was a significant step towards disclosure modernization. Yet, the Securing a Strong Retirement Act, or SECURE Act 2.0, includes a provision that would require unnecessary delivery of an annual paper statement to plan participants even if they have chosen to receive electronic disclosures.

This provision is included despite the fact that **savers without internet or email access were not defaulted to eDelivery** under the safe harbor. All savers continue to have the **choice to receive paper** if they prefer it.

In a response to a Congressional request to review the Trump Administration's 2020 eDelivery rule the Biden Administration's DOL issued a report finding:

**Our preliminary assessment is that the subject regulation [2020 eDelivery safe harbor] is unlikely to have any negative impact on the populations identified in the explanatory statement because of the regulation's specific safeguards against such impacts...<sup>2</sup>**

## AN AARP REPORT SHOWS THE NEED FOR eDELIVERY\*



Adults including those 70+ are increasingly embracing technology and using it to manage their finances



3 in 4 people 50-plus say that they rely on technology to stay connected

## eDELIVERY SHOULD BE THE DEFAULT



93% of U.S. adults<sup>3</sup> including 99% of retirement plan participants have internet access<sup>4</sup>



Electronic documents are accessible, secure, and convenient



Data indicates eDelivery savers were 3x more likely to save enough for retirement than paper savers<sup>5</sup>

\*AARP, 2022 TECH TRENDS AND THE 50-PLUS, December 2021

## GOING DIGITAL IS SUSTAINABLE

In 2020 alone, Fidelity used over **10,200** tons of paper just for financial communications, the majority of which were required by regulations. This contributed **25,955** metric tonnes of Co2 emissions and is equivalent to:



Driving **5,645** passenger vehicles for a year



Powering **3,126** homes for a whole year

**We urge Congress to pass SECURE Act 2.0 without any paper requirements. We encourage policymakers to support the most accessible, secure, and transparent way to receive plan documents—through eDelivery.**

1 29 CFR 2520.104b-31

2 The populations mentioned in the Explanatory Statement are, "individuals residing in rural and remote areas, seniors, and other populations that either lack access to web-based communications or who may only have access through public means. (166 Cong. Rec. H8619 (daily ed. Dec. 21, 2020))."

3 Pew Research Center, "7% of Americans don't use the internet. Who are they?", April 2, 2021

4 SPARK Institute, Default E-Delivery Works: Evidence of Improved Participant Outcomes from Electronic Delivery of Retirement Plan Documents, December 5, 2019

5 SPARK Institute Improving Outcomes with Electronic Delivery of Retirement Plan Documents, 2015

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