

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Michelle King Acting Commissioner Social Security Administration 6401 Security Boulevard Baltimore, M.D. 21235

Dear Acting Commissioner King,

We write to you concerning the implementation of the *Social Security Fairness Act* (Public Law No: 118-273). This legislation passed Congress on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and was signed into law on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The *Social Security Fairness Act* restores full Social Security benefits for the millions of teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other public servants who are unfairly penalized by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO).

The Social Security Administration's website currently states, "SSA expects that it could take more than one year to adjust benefits and pay all retroactive benefits" owed under the *Social Security Fairness Act*.<sup>2</sup> We call for the immediate implementation of this legislation to provide prompt relief to the millions of Americans impacted by WEP and GPO. In the interim, we request monthly updates and briefings regarding the status of the Social Security Administration's progress towards implementing the *Social Security Fairness Act*.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Bill Cassidy, M.D.

United States Senator

John Fetterman

United States Senator

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> H.R.82 – 118th Congress (2023-2024): Social Security Fairness Act of 2023, <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/82">https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/82</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Social Security Administration, "Social Security Fairness Act: Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) update," accessed January 27, 2025, <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html">https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/social-security-fairness-act.html</a>.

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