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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

On Tuesday evening, the U.S. House of Representatives voted with an overwhelming bipartisan majority of 327 Members to pass the *Social Security Fairness Act* to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). We urge you to follow suit and bring the bill for a vote in the U.S. Senate as swiftly as possible. With broad bipartisan support among a filibuster-proof majority of 61 Senators who lead or cosponsor the bill, we must finish the job now.

For decades, our nation's public servants have implored us to listen to their stories and to take congressional action to correct the glaring injustices of the WEP and the GPO. The WEP unfairly slashes the hard-earned benefits of Americans who both paid into Social Security and worked in the public sector throughout their careers. These public servants — retired firefighters who worked a second job, retired police officers who began a second career after leaving the force, retired teachers who took a summer job to pay the bills, retired federal employees who first worked in the private sector — are receiving a fraction of their earned retirement benefits. The GPO cuts — or often, altogether eliminates — Social Security survivor benefits for retirees who dedicated their entire careers to serving our communities, simply for choosing careers of service. These Americans are being punished for supporting and protecting our neighbors and families, educating our children, providing healthcare to our Veterans, delivering our mail, and more. Social Security's short-term solvency should not be propped up by the stolen benefits of these retirees — benefits they have long been owed and will never get back.

This week, the U.S. House of Representatives listened, and passed the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Now, the U.S. Senate must follow suit. For the first time in history, you have the opportunity to bring this bill across the finish line. We urge you, on behalf of the nearly 2.5 million retirees impacted by WEP and GPO in every state across the nation, to bring the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R.82) before the U.S. Senate for a vote.

Thank you for your commitment to America's public servants and retirees. We look forward to working with you to send this important legislation to the president's desk to be signed into law.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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