

Below is an announcement from an active partner on the National Task Force, and where we get a good part of our emails from. CalRTA has a program where you can click on the email address and it brings you to an automated fill to email. ARTC is going to look into this. If you sign up to this, then the emails populate themselves for you. You click on the email and it goes directly to the person, and is populated for you, so all you have to do is add your personal touch, sign it and then send it out. You do not have to copy and paste.

The weekly alerts allow us to reach out to specific legislators in large numbers, thus amplifying our plea.

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Legislative Alert Message Starting June 20, 27, July 11

Message to Representatives:

In the spirit of the previous Congress, I am writing to ask for your help to cosponsor H.R. 82, a bi-partisan bill to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), penalties that financially harm millions of retirees across our nation.

The WEP and GPO cut or eliminate Social Security benefits that retirees have paid for. The WEP cuts the earned benefits of public service workers based on their pensions. Retired educators suffer devastating financial loss when their spouse dies, and they lose their survivor benefit because of the GPO, even though their spouse had paid for that benefit.

Now is the time to take action to repeal these two unjust penalties. The nation has seen an exodus of teachers either leaving the profession or retiring earlier than planned. Repealing these two offsets is a crucial step to help turn the tide in favor of teachers remaining in the classroom.

Please cosponsor the bi-partisan bill H.R. 82 (Graves - L.A. and Spanberger - V.A.) and move this issue to the forefront of your legislative activities.

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Thursdays, June 22, 29 & July 6 (3 weeks for the Senate alerts)

Message to Senators:

Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) again have authored the Senate companion bill to H.R. 82. S 597, introduced on March 1st, has an impressive forty-four cosponsors.

S.597 - Social Security Fairness Act would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), ensuring public sector workers and their families receive full Social Security benefits.

I am asking you to cosponsor S. 597, a bi-partisan bill to repeal the WEP and GPO penalties that financially harm millions of retirees nationwide.

The WEP and GPO cut or eliminate Social Security benefits that retirees have paid for. The WEP cuts the earned benefits of public service workers based on their pensions.

Now is the time to take action to repeal these two unjust penalties. The nation has seen an exodus of teachers either leaving the profession or retiring earlier than planned. Repealing these two offsets is a crucial step to help turn the tide in favor of teachers remaining in the classroom.

Please move the WEP and GPO to the forefront of your legislative activities and cosponsor S. 597 today!

Thank you,

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