



**Letter of Support Request: Repeal the WEP/GPO**

To Alliance *for* Retired Americans Charter Presidents, labor retiree organization leaders and all retirees

Subject: **Government Pension Offset & Windfall Elimination Provision Petition**

**The WEP/GPO Must Be Repealed NOW!!**

My name is John A. Pernorio, I'm the President of the RI ARA and a member of the Alliance *for* Retired Americans Repeal the WEP/GPO Task Force, a national coalition of organizations and individuals that support the repeal of the WEP/GPO immediately and urge all who are appalled by this injustice to join the fight.

I am also the author of a Petition to the **United States House of Representatives and The United States Senate titled: Elimination of the Unfair WEP/GPO Provisions of the Social Security Act.** The Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) penalize people who have dedicated their lives to public service, including many teachers, firefighters, police officers, government and municipal employees by taking away benefits they, or their spouses, have **EARNED.**

Current Legislative Activities in the **117th Congress (2021-2022).** There are two Bills that were **introduced.** The Social Security Fairness Act, (H. R. 82) by Representative Rodney Davis. (R) (IL) and S. 1302 by Senator Sherrod Brown (D) (OH) these two pieces of Legislation would completely repeal the WEP/GOP and **both these Bills have bipartisan support.**

The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduces public employees' Social Security spousal or survivor benefits by two-thirds of their public pension, often eliminating it totally. The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reduces the earned Social Security benefits of an individual who worked a job during which they paid into Social Security, but also receives a public pension from a job not covered by Social Security.

**The GPO** affects people who work as federal, state, local government employees, educators, police officers, and firefighters, if the job is not covered by Social Security.

**The WEP** affects people who worked in jobs not covered by Social Security and in jobs in which they earned Social Security benefits – such as educators who do not earn Social Security in the public schools, but who work part-time or during the summer in jobs covered by Social Security. The WEP also affects people who move from a job in which they earn Social Security to a job in which they do not pay into Social Security. The impact of WEP: **Retiree may lose an average of \$8,000 annually of benefits they have earned.**

**These Offsets MUST be Repealed, NOW!!!!**

This is a national problem – there are affected people in all states. Because people move from state to state after retirement, there are affected individuals everywhere. The number of people impacted across the country is growing every day as more and more people reach retirement age.

I'm sending you this letter of support requesting help with our **PETITION** because Congressman Davis wants to submit the Petition into the House of Representatives record this fall showing the large national support for the repeal.

**Help us make the repeal of WEP/GPO happen now by encouraging your members, or any retiree, affected by the WEP/GPO to sign the REPEL THE WEP/GPO PETITION**

**This Petition now has 80,000 signers and with your help, we would like to have 100,000 signers for Representative Davis**

**TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!!!!!!**

**Petition link**

