

Repeal WEP and GPO – Stop Penalizing Our Teachers and Public Employees

Target: House of Representatives & Senate

Everyone deserves a secure retirement, especially those who devoted their career to public service. The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) threatens that by substantially reducing or eliminating the EARNED social security benefits of the millions of retired teachers and public employees who contributed to Social Security through other employment. Thousands more are penalized every year as they retire from public service because their state, municipality, or school district does not participate in the Social Security system.

This unfair penalty also contributes to the current teacher and educator shortages, as it serves as a disincentive for those looking to join the ranks of teachers as a second career when they learn that the WEP-GPO penalty will jeopardize their earned Social Security benefits if they enter the classroom.

Congress must finally repeal WEP-GPO. I urge you to cosponsor this legislation and work towards its immediate passage.

To: House of Representatives & Senate
From: [Your Name]

We, the undersigned, are calling on Congress to eliminate the penalty hurting too many of our retired educators and public employees, address the national teacher shortage, and move to expand and strengthen social security for all Americans. Repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset is a positive first step in that direction!