

Hello everyone,

Here is your weekly update on the progress of the two congressional bills, S597 and HR82, and **also your action alert**. Both bills will repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO), which unfairly reduce Social Security benefits for over 2 million retirees, spouses, widows and widowers.

HR82 now has 288 co-signers! Here is a link to a list of representatives who have signed on:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/82/cosponsors>.

S597 now has 44 co-signers. Here is a link to a list of senators who have signed on:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/597/cosponsors>.

Listed below are some senators who still have not signed on to S597 and need to be contacted.

Click on the email links below and your email program should launch with all the information preloaded. You can add your name after the “thank you” at the bottom, and/or adjust the closing as needed. If your email program doesn't launch automatically, contact information and message are listed so you can copy and paste. Office numbers also are listed if you'd like to leave a voice message.

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE

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

Thank you,
Retired Educator

[Click here in case you want to read an article about Garrett Graves; who introduced HR82 along with Abigail Spanberger.](#)