



# American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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### APWU Supports Fair Benefits for America's Seniors

America's seniors have earned their benefits. The sad truth remains that, despite their contributions, current provisions and calculations have placed an undue amount of financial burden on those who already paid their fair share into the system.

APWU supports the expansion of Seniors benefits, with fair increases to Social Security, Cost of Living Adjustments based on calculations that adequately takes into consideration the spending habits of seniors, and the repeal of predatory provisions which penalize those who paid their fair share into Social Security.

### Social Security Fairness Act of 2021 (H.R. 82)

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Rodney Davis (D-IL-13)

- **H.R. 82 was introduced in the House on January 4<sup>th</sup>, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.**
- The bill would repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provisions (WEP).
  - ✧ The GPO reduces Social Security benefits to spouses or widows by two-thirds if they are currently receiving a retirement or disability pension based on prior employment, during which they did not pay into Social Security.
  - ✧ The WEP affects those who receive a pension from employment where they did not pay into Social Security but did qualify for Social Security benefits from other employment.
- Unfairly, these two provisions penalize individuals for their previous employment under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), even though they met the requirements for Social Security benefits.
- The bill currently has 138 co-sponsors. If passed, these amendments will be made starting December 2021.

#### Original Co-Sponsors:

- » Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07)
- » Sam Graves (R-LA-06)
- » Steve Cohen (D-TN-09)
- » Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX-15)
- » John Garamendi (D-CA-03)
- » David Cicilline (D-RI-01)
- » Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18)
- » David Joyce (R-OH-11)
- » Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-02)
- » Julia Brownley (D-CA-26)
- » Ted Deutch (D-FL-22)
- » Mark Takano (D-CA-41)
- » Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25)
- » Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)
- » Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)
- » James Comer (R-KY-01)
- » Louie Gohmert (R-TX-01)

### APWU Retiree Activism



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<https://www.apwu.org/apwu-ol-timer-support-postal-workers-and-public-us-postal-service>

*Byron Denton, retired postal worker, age 92*

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