



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

APWU SUPPORTS FAIR BENEFITS FOR AMERICA'S SENIORS

America's seniors have earned their benefits. The sad truth remains that despite their contributions, a law enacted in 1983 has placed an undue financial burden on many senior citizens.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT (H.R. 82, S.597)

Lead Cosponsors: Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-06), and Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07)

This bill, introduced in the House on January 9, 2023 and Senate on March 1, 2023, would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO), which are parts of Social Security law that unfairly reduce, or sometimes eliminate, Social Security benefits for millions of federal annuitants.

The WEP formula reduces the Social Security benefits of individuals with pensions from employers who were not required to withhold Social Security taxes, but who still qualify for

Social Security benefits through secondary employment.

This WEP reduction can total up to fifty percent of the pension amount and directly impacts retirees under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) who currently have government pensions.

The GPO is similar to the WEP, but affects spousal and widow(er) benefits of those receiving pensions from employers who were not required to withhold Social Security taxes.

This GPO reduction is equal to two thirds of the pension, making spousal and widow(er) benefits equal to only one third of what they should be.

Unfairly, the GPO and WEP penalize CSRS retirees that meet the requirements for Social Security benefits and have paid their fair share into the program.



Contact the APWU Legislative and Political Department at (202) 842-4211 for more information
UPDATED: SPRING 2024