



We have incredible news: The Senate has passed the Social Security Fairness Act!

This bipartisan legislation will repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), two provisions of Social Security law that have deprived millions of public service retirees of the Social Security benefits they have earned.

You helped get this done. Your actions made a difference – a difference that millions of public service retirees will feel in the coming years.

AFSCME Retirees made thousands of phone calls and sent over 5,000 letters to legislators to build support for this bill. It took all of us, but we kept our collective voice loud and got the Social Security Fairness Act passed in the House and the Senate with bipartisan support.

It wasn't easy, though. Various bills to repeal GPO and WEP have been introduced in Congress over the years. Anti-retiree politicians in the Senate tried to end amendments at the last minute to kill this one. But we won.

This is historic progress. Soon, all public service retirees – firefighters, teachers, postal workers, police officers, and more – as well as their spouses, will receive the full Social Security benefits they deserve.

We would like to thank all of you who advocated for this legislation, as well as the lawmakers who stood with retirees and sponsored it in the House and Senate, particularly Senator Sherrod Brown. You can see [how your House representative voted here](#) and [how your senators voted here](#).

In solidarity,

The AFSCME Retirees Team

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