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Dear Senator,

Recently, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the bipartisan Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82). On behalf of the 280,000 members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), I urge you to call for a vote on this bill and support its passage in the Senate.

The Social Security Fairness Act, which has a companion bill in the Senate (S.597) with 62 bipartisan cosponsors, would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO). The WEP and GPO have unfairly reduced or even eliminated the benefits of Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) letter carriers and other public servants for more than 40 years.

NALC proudly represents 90,000 retired letter carriers from every state in the nation, many of whom are victimized by the WEP and GPO. These retirees spent their working lives serving their communities and providing an essential service. It is unconscionable that these public servants are not receiving the full Social Security benefits that they earned.

Our retired members, who are living on fixed incomes, are not asking for anything extra. We, alongside millions of other public employees, are asking you to repeal the WEP and GPO so that they can receive their fully earned benefits and enjoy the modest retirement that they worked for, expected and deserve. This benefit reduction does not happen in the private sector, and if it did, it would likely be tried in court.

We must do better by treating our public servants better. We cannot allow the government to keep taking from their earned retirement benefits.

Passing the Social Security Fairness Act in the Senate is NALC's top legislative priority in the remaining weeks of the 118th Congress. We have worked for decades to repeal these unjust provisions, and following the recent House victory, it is imperative that the Senate consider the bill as soon as possible. I strongly urge you to prioritize this issue, support letter carriers, and finally repeal the WEP and GPO by passing the Social Security Fairness Act.

Sincerely,

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