



NARFE Advocacy

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Overview

- Advocacy is important – all citizens have:
 - 1 US Representative and
 - 2 US Senators
- NARFE gives you Facts, Tools, and Training
- Find your US Representative at www.House.gov with your ZIP code

An Example:

Social Security Fairness Act

- Repeals both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP)
- H. R. 82 in the US House of Representatives
323 cosponsors of 435 Representatives (74%)
TX=25 of 38. **Chip Roy, CD 21 is not a cosponsor**
- S. 597 in the US Senate
59 cosponsors of 100 Senators, **TX=neither John Cornyn nor Ted Cruz are cosponsors**

Congress.gov "HR82"

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Home > Legislation > 118th Congress > H.R. 82

H.R.82 - Social Security Fairness Act of 2023 **2**

118th Congress (2023-2024) | [Get alerts](#)

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Sponsor: [Rep. Graves, Garret \[R-LA-6\]](#) (Introduced 01/09/2023)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 01/09/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. ([All Actions](#))

Tracker: **Introduced** > Passed House > Passed Senate > To President > Became Law **3**

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“HR82” cosponsors

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Party of Cosponsor ☒

Check all

Democratic [13]


Republican [12]

Cosponsors by U.S. State or Territory ☒

Texas ✕

Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	01/12/2023
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	01/12/2023
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	01/12/2023
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	01/12/2023
Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	01/12/2023
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	01/13/2023
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-34]	01/24/2023

Chapter 0672 TX Members

Congr Dist	C0672 TX Membs.	% of C0672 TX Membs.	US Representative	Cosponsor HR 82?	Party	Say Thanks!
01	1	1%	Moran, Nathaniel	No	R	
06	1	1%	Elizey, Jake	Yes	R	Thanks
15	27	19%	De La Cruz, Monica	Yes	R	Thanks
17	 1	1%	Sessions, Pete	No	R	
20	4	3%	Castro, Joaquin	Yes	D	Thanks
21	46	32%	Roy, Chip	No	R	
22	1	1%	Nehls, Troy	No	R	
23	5	3%	Gonzales, Tony	Yes	R	Thanks
26	1	1%	Burgess, Michael C	Yes	R	Thanks
27	6	4%	Cloud, Michael	Yes	R	Thanks
28	7	5%	Cuellar, Henry	Yes	D	Thanks
30	1	1%	Crockett, Jasmine	Yes	D	Thanks
35	43	30%	Casar, Greg	Yes	D	Thanks
Total	144	100%				

WEP/GPO Texas 300k+ people!

- Impact of the Windfall Elimination Provision – Texas

State	Total	Retired Workers	Disabled Workers	Spouses and Children
<i>Total</i>	2,013,310	1,910,130	11,870	91,310
Texas	208,368	199,750	1,115	7,503

- Impact of the Government Pension Offset – Texas

State	Total	Spouses	Widow(er)s	Fully Offset	Partially Offset
<i>Total</i>	734,601	378,677	355,924	511,487	223,114
Texas	99,749	51,699	48,050	54,886	44,863

NARFE Advocacy Run-Down 5:11

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxmg4tvTHJY&t=43s>



Grassroots Advocacy Web Guide 10:36

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4hFT2BOW7Y&list=PLSvOb5eEBOOaRMsjCAqiAMvJ9FR2obvsL&index=4>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the NARFE website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.narfe.org>. The website header includes the NARFE logo (FEDERAL BENEFITS EXPERTS) and a navigation menu with links for MEMBERSHIP, ADVOCACY, FEDERAL BENEFITS INSTITUTE, NEWS & EVENTS, ABOUT NARFE, FOR MEMBERS, and DONATE NOW. A 'LOG OUT' button is visible in the top right corner. The main content area features a banner for 'Watch Webinars On Demand' with the text: 'NARFE provides expert guidance on federal benefits issues directly affecting current and former federal employees, as well as tips and tools to help ensure a safe and secure retirement for the federal community. Webinars are free to NARFE members.' A red button labeled 'FIND OUT MORE' is positioned below the text. The video player interface at the bottom shows a play button, a progress bar at 0:02 / 10:35, and various control icons.

Resource Examples

<https://www.narfe.org/advocacy/issue-briefs-and-fact-sheets/>

Issue Briefs and Fact Sheets

Fact Sheets

These documents should be provided to members of Congress or their staff during meetings. They can also provide good background information for meetings and letters.

- [Advocacy State-by-State](#)
- [America's Federal Family at a Glance](#)
- [Federal Employee Pay Adjustments](#)
- [State-by-State Impact of the Windfall Elimination Provision](#)
- [State-by-State Impact of the Government Pensions Offset](#)
- [Debt Limit Frequently Asked Question](#)

Issue Briefs

These documents are the NARFE stance on the issues of the day. These are meant to be distributed to legislators and their staff.

- [NARFE's Legislative Priorities for the 118th Congress \(2023-2024\)](#)
- [The Social Security Offsets — WEP and GPO](#)
- [More Accurate COLA for Senior](#)

Talking Points

The talking points below serve as a guide to NARFE members preparing for in-person or virtual meeting with members of Congress or their staff.

- [Social Security Fairness Act](#)

Social Security Administration

- How your pension may affect your SSA benefits

<https://www.ssa.gov/prepare/government-and-foreign-pensions>

- Windfall Elimination Provision fact sheet

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10045.pdf>

- WEP online calculator

<https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/anyPiaWepjs04.html>

- Government Pension Offset fact sheet

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10007.pdf>

Understanding Issue Framing 5:30

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGXffNE-A8s&list=PLSvOb5eEBOOaRMsjCAqiAMvJ9FR2obvsL&index=2>



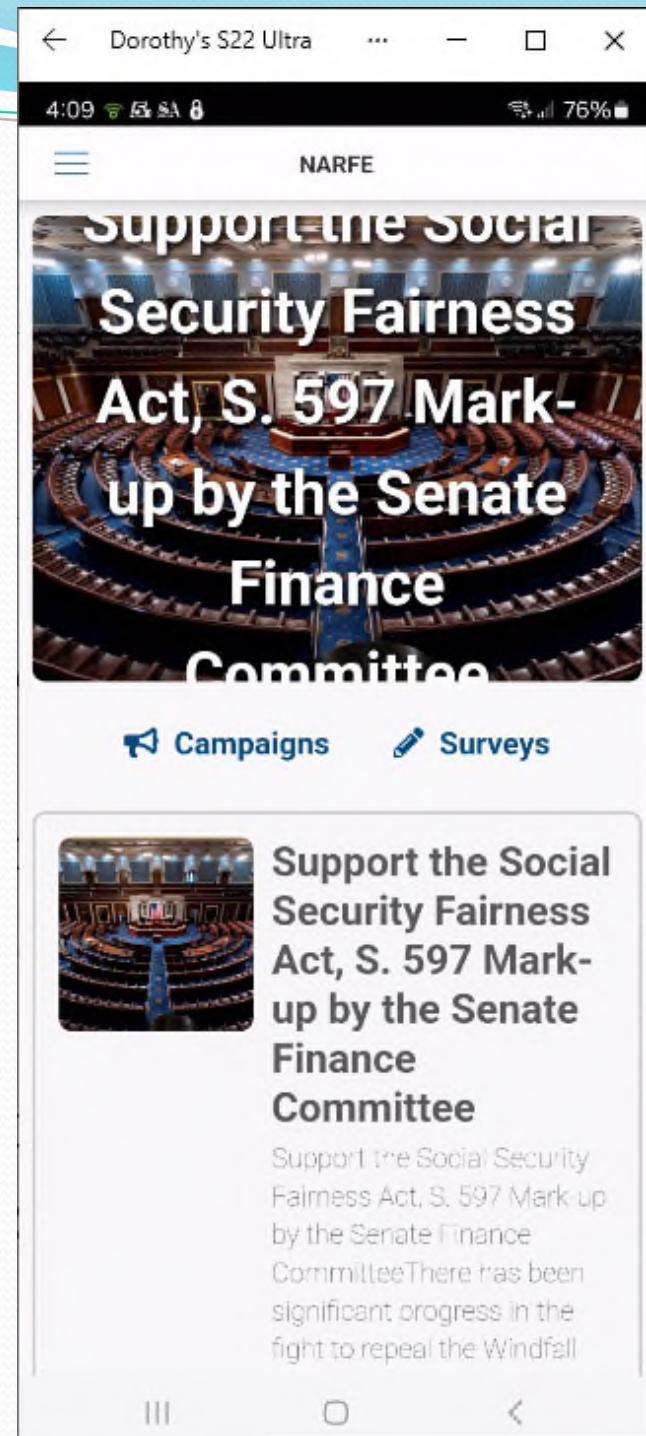
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(3 horizontal lines,
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example) to choose
menu options



Mobile Menu – VoterVoice

With VoterVoice the “hamburger” icon is top left to choose menu options.
No longer available in Android Play Store



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