

March 12, 2021

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Neal:

On behalf of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), I write to express support for – and thank you for preparing to introduce – the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act of 2021. This bill would provide overdue relief to nearly two million individuals unfairly affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

The WEP unjustly deprives dedicated public servants of the full Social Security benefits they earned through their contributions to the system. They are denied these benefits solely because they also worked outside of Social Security-covered employment in government service. The WEP penalty often comes as a rude awakening to retirees, as the actual benefits received fail to meet the expectations created by the estimates provided by the Social Security Administration. All told, the WEP has cost public servants billions of dollars in Social Security benefits that they rightfully earned.

This bill would mitigate the effects of the WEP by providing relief for current beneficiaries through a reduced WEP penalty, resulting in a Social Security benefit increase of \$150 per month. The bill would also offer improved benefits to future Social Security recipients who would be affected by WEP by improving the formula going forward. This relief has been a long time coming, but it will be very much appreciated by the individuals who, for too long, have been penalized for their public service.

Thank you again for preparing to reintroduce the Public Servants Protection and Fairness Act. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Jessica Klement, NARFE's staff vice president, policy and programs, at [jklement@narfe.org](mailto:jklement@narfe.org).

Sincerely,



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