

In Person Meeting Talking Points: WEP/GPO

*The talking points below should serve as a guide for NARFE members preparing for in-person meetings with members of Congress and their staff. **This document is not intended to be handed out.** Before your meeting, please be sure to fill in the brackets with the relevant information. You can find issue briefs that you may leave with legislators and their staff on NARFE's [website](#).*

Introductory Talking Points

- I am a retired federal employee, having worked for [AGENCY] over [NUMBER OF YEARS] years, and a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).
- As a long-serving federal employee, I earned my pay, annuity and health benefits. [Discuss what you did over the course of your career in public service and how it helped other Americans, particularly those in your state.]
- We are here today to discuss an issue that are important to me and other federal retirees:

Advancing the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R 82/S. 597

The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82

House of Representatives

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- **If your lawmaker is already a cosponsor** of the bill, please thank him/her for doing so and ask that he/she work with the House Ways and Means Committee and congressional leadership to move the bill through the legislative process.
- **If your lawmaker is NOT a cosponsor of the bill**, please urge that he/she cosponsor the bill **and** work with House Ways and Means committee and congressional leadership to move the bill through the legislative process.
- The Social Security Fairness Act, [H.R. 82](#) would fully repeal both the WEP and GPO.
- The Windfall Elimination Provision reduces the Social Security benefits of local, state and federal retirees who worked in Social Security-covered employment and who also receive a government annuity from their non-Social Security covered government employment. As of December 2022, about 2 million Social Security beneficiaries across the country and about _____ beneficiaries in [STATE] are impacted by the WEP. [Please consult NARFE's [WEP state-by-state breakdown](#) to find how many people in your state are impacted.]
- The GPO prevents government retirees who receive a federal annuity from collecting full Social Security benefits otherwise owed to them based on jobs their spouses held in the private sector. In this situation, Social Security spousal or survivor benefits are reduced by two-thirds of the federal retiree's government annuity. As of December 2022, the GPO affects more than 734,000 beneficiaries and about _____ beneficiaries in [STATE] are impacted by the GPO. [Please consult NARFE's [GPO state-by-state breakdown](#) to find how many people in your state are impacted.]
- Please work with House Ways and Means Committee members and congressional leadership to advance the bill [and cosponsor] H.R. 82 to repeal these unfair provisions that reduce millions of retirees' earned benefits.

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- Please cosponsor S. 597 to repeal these unfair provisions that reduce millions of retirees' earned benefits and work with committee and congressional leadership to advance the bill. **OR** Thank you for cosponsoring S. 597 82 to repeal these unfair provisions that reduce millions of retirees' earned benefits. I kindly ask that you work with committee and congressional leadership to advance the bill.