

It's Grassroots Advocacy Month: Call Your Representative/Senators!

Phone banking is a powerful advocacy tool during this time, and we have put together phone scripts for all legislative priorities this month! **The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/ S. 597, The Saving the Civil Service Act H.R. 1002/ S. 399, and The Equal COLA Act H.R. 866/ S. 3194.** Follow the legend to find the appropriate phone script, and scroll down to it!

Legend:

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Phone Script 1B	Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82 (Thank for co-sponsorship and request support for discharge petition)
Phone Script 2A	Social Security Fairness Act, S. 597 (Urge co-sponsorship and request Senate Finance Committee Mark-up)
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Phone Script 3A	Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 399 (Urge co-sponsorship)
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The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S.597

First, check to see if your representative and senators are cosponsors of the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82/S.597. Check H.R. 82 cosponsors [here](#), and S. 597 cosponsors [here](#).

Second, check to see if your senators [Senate Finance Committee](#).

Use these instructions for Calling Your Representative/Senators:

1. Dial: 1-866-220-0044
2. Ask the operator to transfer you to your Representative's/Senator's office.

3. You will then be connected to your Representative's/Senator's office.

Phone Script 1A: Urge Your Representative to Co-sponsor The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, and Request Mark-up by House Ways and Means Committee

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling to request Representative [X] to cosponsor the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82 and urge you to support a discharge petition to bring the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, to the floor for a vote.
- With 323 total cosponsors, and continuing committee inaction, now is the time to demand a floor vote. The level of bipartisanship and attention to this issue reflects the urgent need to advance this legislation for a just future for hardworking federal retirees across the nation.
- This bill would put an end to these longstanding policies that unfairly reduce or eliminate earned Social Security benefits for myself, and millions of other federal or state and local government retirees, simply because we earned a pension from our public service.
- I kindly request that you lend your support in repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Government Pension Offset (GPO) by cosponsoring the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, and supporting a discharge petition to help us move one step closer to rectifying this inequality.
- Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.

Phone Script 1B: Thank your Representative for Co-sponsoring The Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82 and Request Mark-up by House Ways and Means Committee

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling today to thank Representative [X] for co-sponsoring the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, and urge you to support a discharge petition to bring the Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, to the floor for a vote.
- Your support in repealing the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) means a great deal to me and the more than two and a half million Social Security-eligible retirees who have dedicated their lives to public service.
- Your commitment to fairness and retirement security for federal retirees is commendable.
- With 323 total cosponsors, and continuing committee inaction, now is the time to demand a floor vote. The level of bipartisanship and attention to this issue reflects the urgent need to advance this legislation for a just future for hardworking federal retirees across the nation.
- Thank you again for your unwavering support.

Phone Script 2A: Urge Your Senators to Co-sponsor The Social Security Fairness Act, S. 597, and Request Mark-up by the Senate Finance Committee

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling to request Senator[X] to co-sponsor the Social Security Fairness Act, S. 597 and request they urge the Senate Finance Committee to advance S. 597, to the floor via a committee mark-up.
- This bill would put an end to these longstanding policies that unfairly reduce or eliminate earned Social Security benefits for myself, and millions of other federal or state and local government retirees, simply because we earned a pension from our public service.
- S. 597 has recently seen progress with a Senate Finance Social Security Subcommittee hearing back in June and has garnered overwhelming support in the House, with over 300 cosponsors. This level of bipartisanship, and attention to this issue reflects the urgent need to concurrently advance this legislation with the House for a just future for hardworking federal retirees across the nation.
- I kindly request that you lend your support in repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Government Pension Offset (GPO) and urge Senate Finance Committee members to mark-up the Social Security Fairness Act, S. 597, and help us move one step closer to rectifying this inequality.
- Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.

Phone Script 2B: Thank your Senators for Co-sponsoring The Social Security Fairness Act, S.597 and Request Mark-up by the Senate Finance Committee

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling today to thank Senator [X] for co-sponsoring the Social Security Fairness Act, S. 597.
- Your support in repealing the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) means a great deal to me and the more than two and a half million Social Security-eligible retirees who have dedicated their lives to public service.
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- Your commitment to fairness and retirement security for federal retirees is commendable.
- Let's keep pushing for a vote on this crucial bill and ensure a brighter future for federal retirees.
- Thank you again for your unwavering support.

Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 399

First, check to see if your representative is a co-sponsor of the Saving the Civil Service Act. Check H.R. 1002 co-sponsors [here](#). Check S. 399 co-sponsors [here](#).

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Phone Script 3A: Urge Your Representative/ Senators to Co-sponsor the Saving Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 399

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling today to urge Representative/Senator [X] for co-sponsoring the Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 3194
- The Saving the Civil Service Act is vital for safeguarding our merit-based civil service that will prevent the reimplementing of Schedule F, which could strip tens of thousands of federal employees of their positions.
- Help protect against the abuse of power by the executive branch, and ensure federal employees are hired based on qualifications not political connections. Any efforts to reintroduce Schedule F or similar measures threaten to dismantle the merit-based system, potentially replacing it with a system where political loyalty is prioritized over expertise and experience.
- I kindly request you lend your support in maintaining an apolitical civil service and preserve the integrity of the federal workforce and effectiveness of government functions by co-sponsoring the Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 399
- Thank you for the consideration of my views.

Phone Script 3B: Thank Your Representative/ Senators to Co-sponsor the Saving Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 399

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling today to thank Representative/Senator [X] for co-sponsoring the Saving the Civil Service Act, H.R. 1002/ S. 3194
- The Saving the Civil Service Act is vital for safeguarding our merit-based civil service. By supporting this act, you help ensure that our government remains nonpartisan, efficient, and serves the American people effectively.
- A merit based system preserves institutional knowledge and expertise within the federal government.

- Your dedication to upholding the integrity of the federal workforce is truly commendable.
- Thank you again for your unwavering support.

Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194

First, check to see if your representative is a co-sponsor of the Equal COLA Act. Check H.R. 866 co-sponsors [here](#). Check S. 3194 co-sponsors [here](#).

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Phone Script 4A: Urge Your Representative/ Senators to Co-sponsor the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling to urge Representative/ Senator [X] to co-sponsor the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194. This bill would ensure me and 2 million other federal retirees maintain the value of our retirement annuities through our careers in public service.
- This unfair policy caps Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annual cost of living adjustment (COLA).
- At times of high inflation, many are seeing their fixed monthly incomes depleted by increased cost of living like that of food and health services.
- Please protect federal retirees by co-sponsoring the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194
- Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.

Phone Script 4B: Thank Your Representative/ Senators for Co-sponsoring the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194:

Politely greet the staff person who answers the phone. Give your name and address and let him/her know you are a constituent. Then say [Choose the appropriate language below]:

- I am calling today to thank Representative/ Senator [X] for co-sponsoring the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194.
- Your support in ensuring that 2 million federal retirees, including myself, maintain the value of our retirement annuities is deeply appreciated.
- The current policy that caps the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) has been a significant concern for many retirees during times of rising living costs.



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- Your dedication to protecting federal retirees and their financial well-being is truly commendable.
- Thank you for your continued efforts in pushing the Equal COLA Act, H.R. 866/ S. 3194 forward and advocating for our best interests.