

June 24, 2022

The Honorable Nancy P. Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C 20515

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin O. McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Stephen J. Scalise  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker, Leader Hoyer, Leader McCarthy, and Whip Scalise,

On behalf of the International Association of Chief of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong support for the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) and urge you to bring it to the House floor for a vote.

As you know, the legislation would repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) in current Social Security law, two provisions of the Social Security Act that unfairly reduce or eliminate the Social Security benefits for police officers and millions of individuals who have dedicated themselves to public service.

When the WEP was enacted in 1983, its stated purpose was to remove a “windfall” for persons who spent some time in jobs not covered by Social Security and who also worked other jobs where they paid Social Security taxes long enough to qualify for retirement benefits. Unfortunately, this provision has created an inequity for many government employees, particularly police officers, who retire earlier than other government employees and often begin second careers which require them to pay into the Social Security system.

Law enforcement officers who have second careers face as much as a 60% cut to their Social Security benefits. This is a reduction of a benefit to which they are entitled because they paid into the system--not an adjustment for a “windfall.”

Ultimately, H.R. 82 is ensuring that police officers and other public employees who dedicated their lives to their communities are not penalized because they chose to serve the public.

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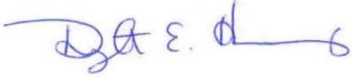
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The IACP urges you to bring this legislation to the floor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dwight E. Henninger". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chief Dwight E. Henninger  
IACP President