

January 13, 2023

The Honorable Garret Graves
2402 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

On behalf of the managers and supervisors currently serving our nation in the federal government and whose interests are represented by the Federal Managers Association (FMA), we extend our strongest support for your bill, the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82), which would eliminate the inequities of both the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP).

The GPO is unfair to many spouses, especially widows, who often lose the Social Security protection their spouse provided for them. Under current law, a Social Security widow's benefit is reduced by \$2 for every \$3 earned if the widow is eligible for a pension based on a public sector job that was not covered by Social Security. Meanwhile, the WEP is another inequity that disadvantages many federal retirees receiving Social Security benefits and a federal pension which did not require payment into Social Security, reducing the Social Security benefits federal retirees receive based on the number of years they served in a federal position that did not require their payment of Social Security taxes.

FMA is grateful for your continued effort to fully repeal these unfair provisions. We endorse H.R. 82, and urge its passage in the 118th Congress. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at gstanford@fedmanagers.org or (703) 683-8700.

Sincerely,



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National President