

November 11, 2024

Dear Member of Congress:

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 urge you to vote in favor of the bipartisan Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82) when it comes up for a vote on the House floor this week.

FMA is proud to support this strongly bipartisan, bicameral legislation. Cosponsored by more than 75 percent of the House of Representatives, this bill which would fully repeal the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) is long overdue.

FMA has long pushed for the repeal of these odious provisions that callously reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for millions of public servants and their beneficiaries. H.R. 82 is needed to prevent the unjust withholding of nearly \$200 billion from these civil servants in the next ten years, and it is difficult to put into words the tragedy of the benefits that have been earned but kept from these public servants dating back to the 1980s. FMA supports this effort to restore the benefits millions of public servants have earned but have been denied."

We are grateful for Reps. Garret Graves (R-LA) and Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) for their bipartisan leadership on this important bill. We urge a "yes" vote when it is considered on the floor. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact FMA's Government Affairs Director Greg Stanford at <u>gstanford@fedmanagers.org</u>. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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